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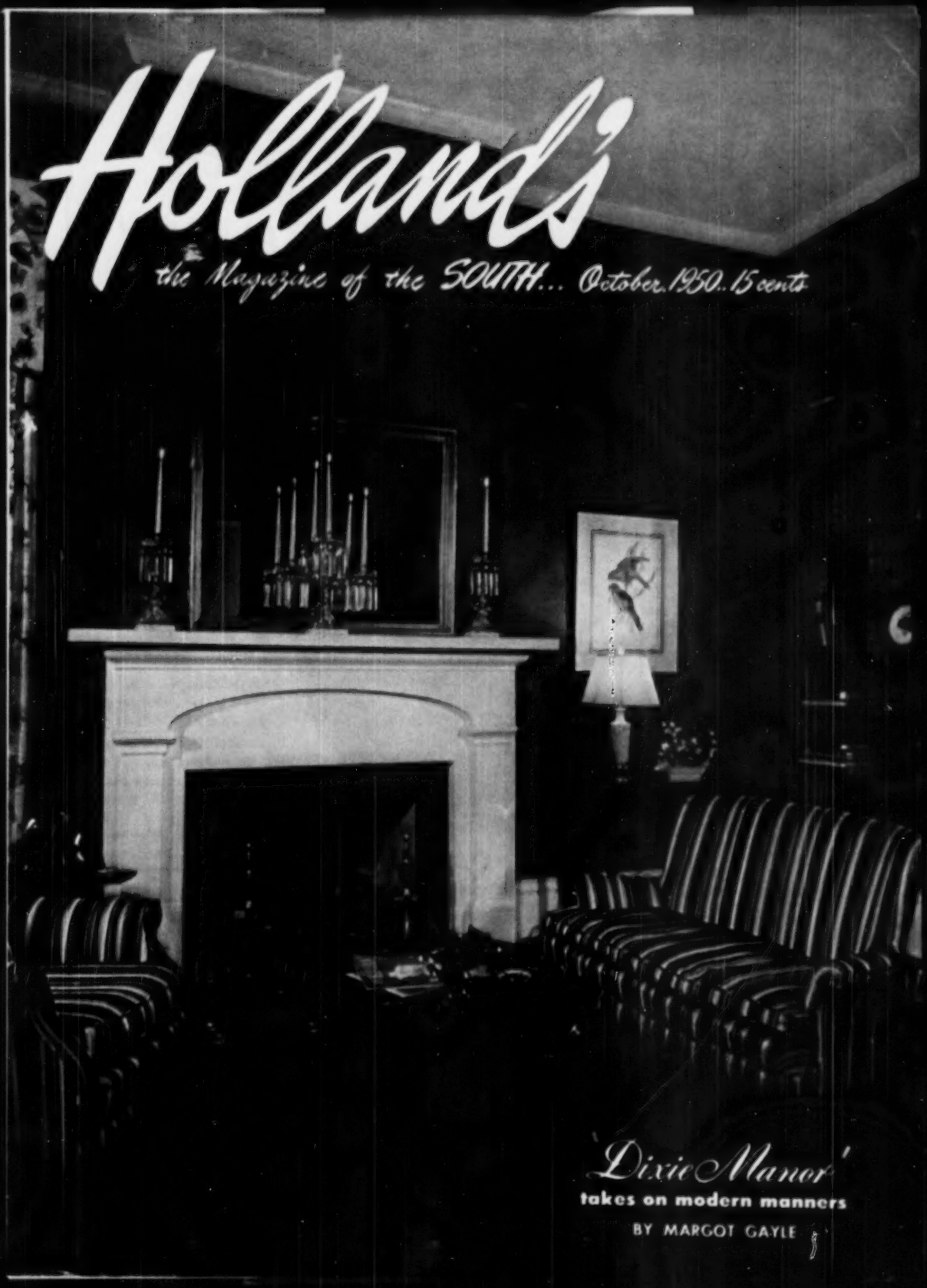

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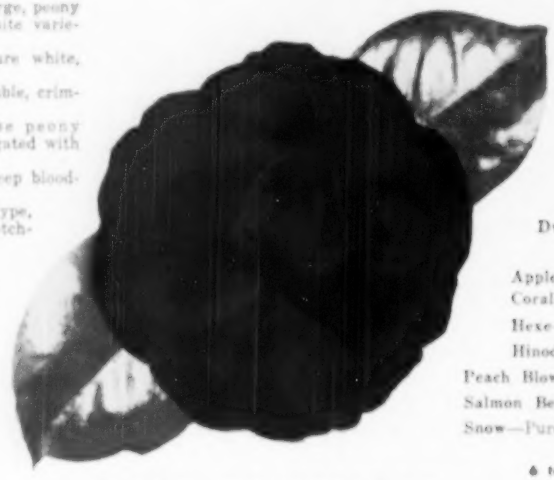

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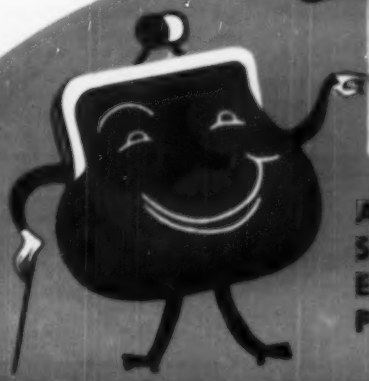

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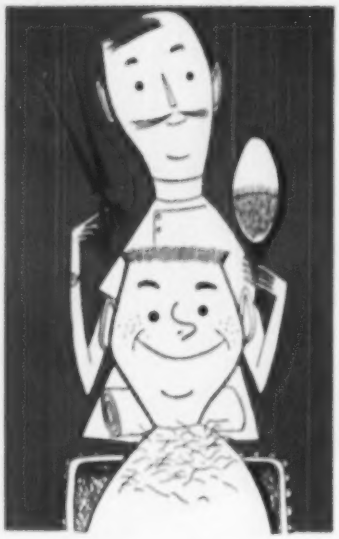

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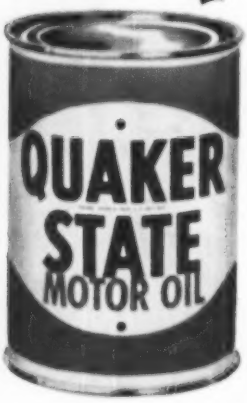

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The church was organized in about 1790 by the Reverend Samuel Doak and the Reverend Hezekiah Balch, graduates of Princeton Theological Seminary who had made their way westward over the mountains a few years earlier. They called their new church Hebron, a name retained by the congregation for the next 50 years. Twenty people made up the original membership, but that was a goodly number in proportion to the size of Jonesboro, which was a sparsely populated frontier community in those days.

The town itself was planned and laid out in 1779 as the county seat of North Carolina's Washington County, a huge tract which embraced all of what is now Tennessee.

Hebron Church's first meeting house was a log cabin located on a site four miles east of the new town. The second was a school house, Martin Academy, built in 1816. The upper story of this building housed the academy and the lower floor was used as a place of worship. Here, we are told, the first sacramental meeting was held. Later, as the congregation grew, it was often necessary to adjourn to a nearby grove to accommodate the crowds.

The congregation occupied its third building in 1831. This structure was not actually completed until 1836 and even then it had no tower; the bell was hung from a wooden frame which stood at one end of the church. A few years later, when the question of a more suitable bell tower was raised, the congregation decided to erect an entirely new building. And so a fourth house of worship, the one in use today, was built. It was completed in 1850 and dedicated on August 16 of that year. The entire cost of the building and its furnishings was $6,420.27.

Built in the Greek Revival style, it rests on a high basement with a

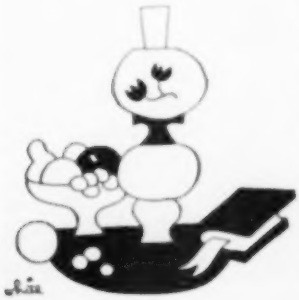
paneled entrance. Above the simple pediment rises a steeple, which originally had pinnacles on the four corners of the first stage. The handmade bricks and shutters, the wide floor boards and the quaint hardware attest to the age of the building. The doors of the pews have been removed, leaving only the hinge notches, but the original pew numbers remain to this day. The altar is a replica of one in a northern church of like faith. The raised pulpit is reached by a stairway on either side. The baptismal font, communion service and offering plates date from 1860. The old slave gallery is now used as a choir loft.

The church divided in 1868, but the resulting dispute over the property was amicably settled a few years later by an arrangement which provided for joint ownership and occupancy of the building by the two divisions. Joint ownership and occupancy by the two branches, U.S. and U.S.A., continued until 1882 when the northern, or U.S.A., branch relinquished its claim and built the Second Presbyterian Church a block away. Years later, in 1926, union of the two groups was sanctioned by both governing Presbyteries, but union of the local congregations was not effected until 1943.

When the merger was finally accomplished, the two congregations set about restoring the old First Church building. The task was completed and rededication service held in 1944 under the direction of the Reverend Doctor C. L. Shelby.

The present membership of the church is around 250, and plans call for a $15,000 addition to the building to house a chapel and new nursery, kindergarten, primary and junior classrooms. While proudly conscious of its history and heritage, Jonesboro's First Presbyterian Church is equally concerned with meeting the present and future needs of the community it has served so long and admirably.

—Virginia Williams



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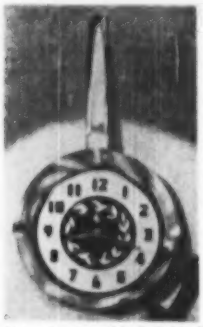

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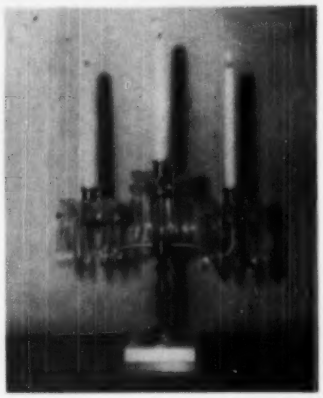

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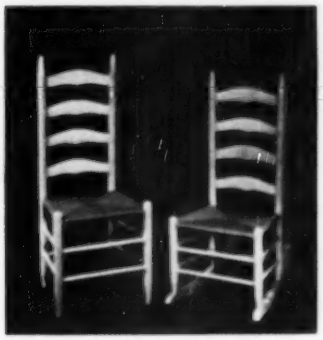

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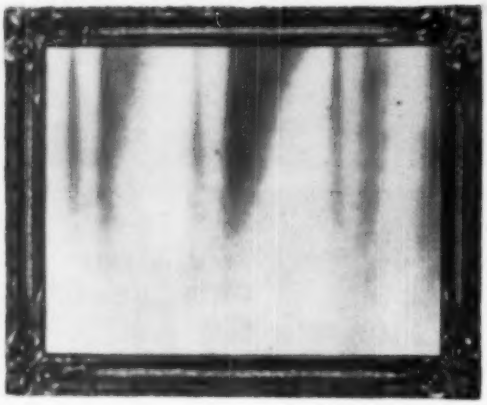

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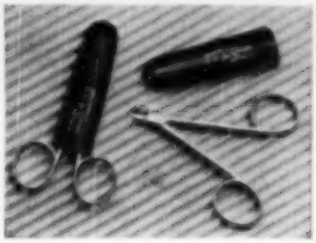

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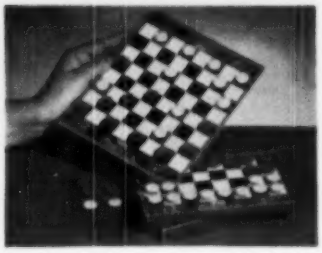

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HEALTH PROBLEMS of the School Child

By Frank Howard Richardson, M.D., F.A.C.P.

What Makes Sammy Slump?

I BELIEVE Mark Twain gets credit for the familiar observation that everyone talks about the weather but no one does anything about it. Perhaps next on the list of things that parents, in particular, talk about to no avail, is the posture of their children. "Straighten up your shoulders! Don't slump in your chair!" are daily admonitions in most homes where there are school-age children. And it is rare that they bring lasting results. Sammy reluctantly straightens his drooping shoulders or hoists himself up in the chair, only to revert to his customary slump the minute parental attention is diverted.

Talk, unless it is based on a real understanding of the problem and abetted by constructive action, quickly degenerates into nagging—the commonest, as well as the least effective, of the measures employed by parents in an effort to correct the faults of their children.

It is impossible to cover every phase of the posture problem in one brief article, but we can investigate one of the commonest causes of poor posture in school children. Once the cause is understood, the condition itself is easy enough to remedy.

The cause I refer to is fatigue. Until parents are able to recognize what has come to be known as "fatigue posture," realize its importance as an indicator of trouble, and learn what to do about it, their admonitions will only make bad matters worse. Nagging is a potent means of increasing fatigue and the poor posture that results from it.

Suppose we use ourselves as guinea pigs; what works with us adults usually holds true in the case of our children, on the principle of "like parent, like child." Here is practical experiment number one:

The next time you come home from a tiring afternoon of shopping or an exhausting day at the office, place yourself in front of a full-length mirror, and take a good, candid look at yourself. Unless you cheat by straightening up to face the mirror, you'll probably find the corners of your mouth drooping, your shoulders sagging and rounded forward, your chest caved in and your tummy protruding.

Next, imagine your wife (or husband, as the case may be) hounding you with a petulant "Why can't you stand up straight?" or a sharp command to "Get your shoulders back, and do pull in that sagging tummy!"

Then, in spite of the resentment you'd naturally experience in such circumstances, try to do as you're told. Snap into position—head up, chin in, chest expanded, and tummy pulled in. You'll find you look 100 per cent better, but you'll also find that, tired by a nerve-wracking day at the office or worn out from the shopping expedition, you can't "hold it" very long. Then imagine that the moment your tired muscles relax, your unfeeling spouse starts in again with "How many times must I remind you to stand up straight? Keep that stomach in!" And so on, ad nauseam.

Do all this, and you can at least sympathize with your son or daughter whose posture touches off a pair of nagging parents. Do you see now why nagging doesn't improve faulty posture, but causes sullen resentment or actual rebellion?

AT this point, you may ask, "But why should a school child, with no exhausting physical work to do, be so fatigued?" By way of answer, try to figure out why you looked so pooped as you stood before the mirror. It couldn't have been physical fatigue alone. After all, there isn't too much muscular effort involved in sitting at a desk or even walking through the neighborhood market. Wasn't some of your exhaustion due to the fact that you failed to get that bargain you were shopping for, that things went wrong at the office, or that the other fellow beat you to that sale you'd hoped to make?

The fatigue that produces poor posture, and a number of other undesirable conditions as well, is emotional quite as much as physical. The looking-glass test won't show

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fatigue posture if you take it after you've grabbed off a rare bargain or closed a successful deal at the office. Why? Because the emotional component of fatigue is lacking, though the physical factor is the same. Children, too, have their disappointments, and the same resulting emotional exhaustion.

So much for the background of the problem; we have unearthed the major cause and we have learned that nagging only aggravates matters. What then are we to do? Perhaps still another experiment would give us the answer. Here's practical experiment number two:

The next time you're sitting round the family dinner table or chatting with a group of friends, notice the sorry positions which most of us adults assume while we deplore such slouching in our children. Then slowly draw yourself up into what you know to be a correct sitting position, and watch what happens. Every one in the group will unconsciously imitate you, and assume—though only for the moment—the best sitting posture of which he is capable. I frequently indulge in this parlor trick while lecturing, and the people in the audience never fail to enjoy a good laugh at their susceptibility to suggestion. But unless I call their attention to it, they are absolutely unconscious of the way they have imitated me. You know good and well what our second experiment teaches—if we want good posture in our children we must develop it in ourselves. That's even harder than refraining from nagging, but it is worth the effort.

This does not mean that *every* case of poor posture can be remedied by parental example and by eliminating all sources of emotional fatigue. Important as these factors are, there are many others. We haven't so much as touched upon such specific defects as tight hamstrings, weak abdominal muscles, lordosis (swayback), knock knees and flat feet.* These will be discussed in this column next month.

But parents who have learned these two lessons will have made a head start in the right direction. Parents who are genuinely concerned about their children's posture and are honestly eager to do something about it, even if it hurts (hurts themselves, that is) can find real help in our two experiments—provided they are put into faithful, everyday practice.

*Parents interested in the investigation of these conditions in younger children are referred to the book, "The Pre-School Child and His Posture," by Dr. Richardson and Winifred Johnson Hearn, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, and available through book stores or from the publishers.—The Editors.

Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts

YOUR CHILD and his HOMEWORK

"JOHNNY, I wish you would settle down and stick to your homework!" an exasperated mother was telling her son for the fifth time that evening. "At this rate you'll never get it done—and you simply must not fall down in your grades again this month."

Parents know how hard it is to get active youngsters to settle down to books again after they have already spent a long day at school. And it is even harder to get them to concentrate on homework when radio, television, ball games and a million other more exciting activities beckon. Because of the strain it puts on parents who have to keep after their children to get them to prepare the next day's lessons, homework is often called the "parents' problem."

A less common version of the problem, but one that may be even more difficult of solution, is the one typified by Sue. She is a painfully conscientious child who, haunted by the fear of *(Continued on page 26)*

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By Margot Gayle

Dixie Manor takes on modern manners

The secret stairway has been replaced by a shower and the breezeway by a breakfast room, but the old house retains all of its nineteenth century charm

FOUR years ago, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Sams of Covington, Georgia, suddenly found themselves the possessors of an imposing ante-bellum mansion, structurally sound but lacking in most modern conveniences. A legacy from a grateful patient whom Dr. Sams had attended through long years of illness, fourteen-room Dixie Manor was twice the size of any home the Sams had ever thought of owning. What to do with the century-old place posed quite a problem. The Sams were attached to the pleasant, modest home in which they had lived for a number of years; their children had grown up there, and they were reluctant to give it up. But the challenge of Dixie Manor was too great to be ignored; they finally decided to tackle the job of making it livable.

That was in January of 1946. At Christmas of 1947, the Sams moved into a rejuvenated and hospitable Dixie Manor, and have been enjoying it ever since. But between January of 1946 and December of 1947 lay twelve months of working hand in hand with architect, decorator, and contractor. Everyone involved was bent on achieving one goal: to revive the old house in the spirit of its own era, yet endow it with the comfort and convenience essential to present-day living.

They succeeded admirably. Now, when the Covington Garden Club sponsors a tour of this celebrated little town's nineteenth century homes, visitors are admonished, "Don't fail to see the Sams' place!"

Actually Covington has been interested in Dixie Manor ever since Colonel Thomas Franklin Jones started to build it around 1840. At a time when most houses in town were of frame construction, the Colonel built his of brick from the ground up, with walls eighteen inches thick. The house was laid out in a perfect square, with a wide hall down the middle, flanked by two spacious rooms on either side.

The Colonel built his house two stories high, with the second floor laid out exactly like the first. Each room in the place was nearly 24 feet square, with a twelve-foot ceiling. The recessed entrance was guarded by two Ionic columns supporting a small balcony, and the almost flat roof had a marked overhang. A relic of mid-Victorian times that remains to this day is the prim little brick outhouse in the rear, built as indestructibly as the Manor itself. Also still standing is the row of cedar trees which, according to the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which has chronicled the history of Covington's old homes, was planted by Colonel Jones' son on his tenth birthday.

Osborn Rogers, a shipping magnate from Savannah who bought Dixie Manor for $400 cash right after the War Between the States, added two wings at the back of the house. One was a nursery wing; the other, a kitchen wing and servants' quarters, was a separate unit connected with the house by a breezeway. Rogers' sea-going friends brought him plants from all over the world for the garden which he laid out behind the house.

The third occupants of the sturdy old house were Dr. J. A. Wright and his wife, affectionately known in Covington as "Miss Corrie." After her husband's death, Miss Corrie lived alone in the house. In her latter years she was a semi-invalid and she willed her home in gratitude to the physician who had cared for her during her illness.

Thus, when Dr. and Mrs. Sams became the owners of

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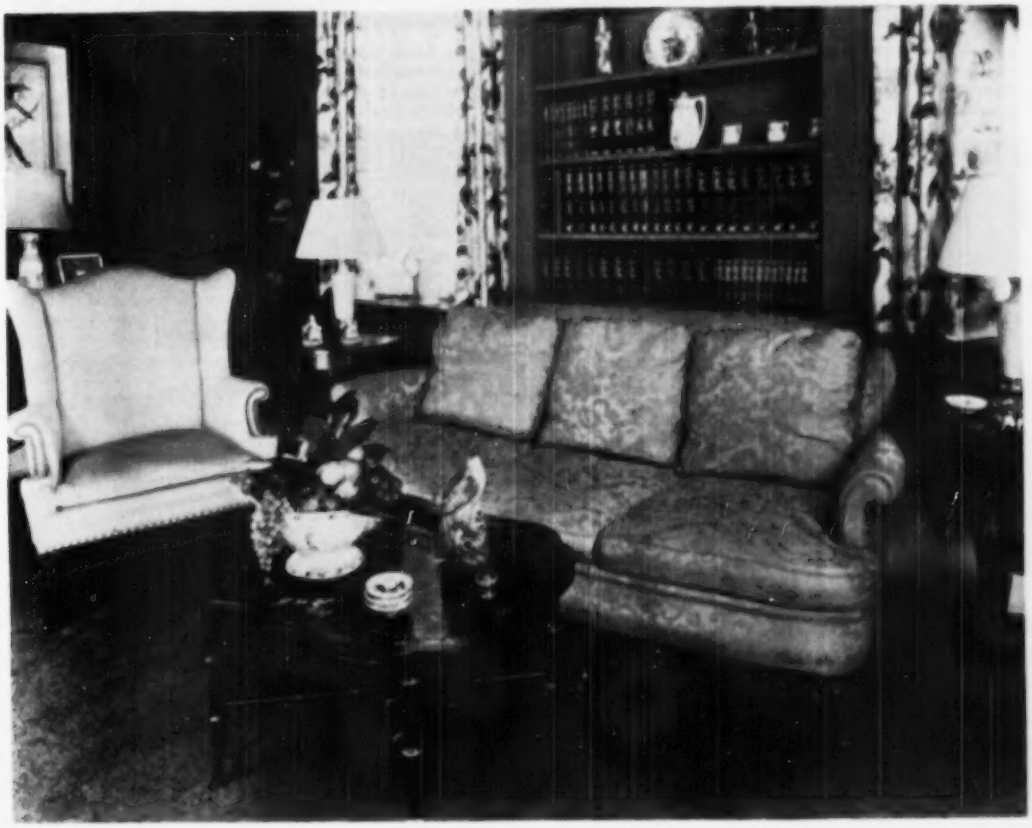
Right—In the formal dining room, large enough for a big dinner party, the beauty of dark woods is set off by the delicate colors of the carpet and Chinese wallpaper.

Left—In the entrance hall, an Old South scenic wallpaper follows the line of the handsome stairway. Here, too, colors are subdued, with soft green predominating.

Below—The library, another view of which is shown in color on the cover of this issue, is the family's favorite room. Its color scheme and some of its furnishings are carry-overs from the house in which the Sams lived before they fell heir to Dixie Manor.



Dr. and Mrs. Sams' bedrooms are perfect reflections of the personalities and tastes of their occupants. Mrs. Sams' room (above) is utterly feminine without being frilly, and her love of fine needlework is evidenced in the crocheted bedspread. The doctor's room (below), furnished in Early American pieces, has a group of amusing "country doctor" prints above the bed and an old gun, highly prized by its owner, hangs over the fireplace.

In the "atmospheric end" of the big kitchen a cozy fireplace and rocker recall bygone days. At the "business end," all is modern efficiency.

One of the things the Sams enjoy most about life in Dixie Manor is having a separate bedroom for each of the grandchildren who spend their summers with them. The dainty room above, reserved for ten-year-old Diane, is a strawberry sundae concoction of pink and white striped wallpaper, white shag rug, organdie curtains, and rose velvet chairs and love seat. In the grandson's bedroom (below), sturdier fabrics and deeper colors cater to boyish tastes.

Dixie Manor, *continued*

Dixie Manor, they found that they had a spacious old house which, in spite of its out-of-date equipment and dilapidated appearance, was basically sound.

A number of things influenced them in their decision to make the Manor their home. For one, they both enjoy entertaining, and the spacious old house was built for hospitality. Then, their grandchildren spend every summer with them, and in Dixie Manor there would be a room for each to call his own. Besides, Dr. Sams, a modern practitioner who likes to fancy himself a contemporary country doctor, had always wanted an office at home. At Dixie Manor, he could have it.

The Sams found that, aside from reroofing and rebuilding some of the floors, no structural work was necessary. The only thing they added was a garage, attached to the kitchen wing.

According to James Edwards, head of the decorating department of Davison-Paxon's in Atlanta, who did a lot to make Dixie Manor the charming place it is today, "The original architect had a fine feeling for proportion and symmetry. The woodwork and trim, both inside and out, were in good taste and good condition. Most of the original hand-blown glass remained in the windows."

The main problems were heating, baths, closet space, and modern kitchen installation.

The basement rooms were already there, so an automatic furnace was installed beneath the original house.

Baths were something else again. Dixie Manor may well be the only house in the world in which a secret stairway has been converted into a shower. This hidden stairway ran from what is now the guest bedroom on the first floor to the children's bedrooms above. As for these upstairs bedrooms—a pair on either side of the big hall—they were more than ample in size, so it was possible to sandwich a bath between each pair without even missing the space.

Closet space was created in much the same way.

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"We're proud of the black sheep in our family!"

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A few feet were partitioned off the entire length of an interior wall of each bedroom and made into clothes and storage closets, each with its separate door—wonderful substitutes for the heavy old wooden wardrobes that had always stood in these rooms.

The old kitchen, built in the seventies, had degenerated into a mere storage room. In cleaning it up, the Sams uncovered a fine hand-hewn pine mantel. They framed the mantel with blue and white Dutch tiles and painted the walls Holland blue. Mrs. Sams hung her willow-ware plates on the wall above the mantel, and beside the fireplace she put an iron coalbin and a 50-year-old walnut rocker, creating a cozy place to rock and watch the pot boil. Actually, the pot boiling is done in the modern end of this big kitchen, where the Sams have installed a hooded electric stove, a broad shining sink and bright red work counters.

They glassed in the breezeway that connected the old kitchen to the house and made it into a sunny breakfast room. On the walls they used paper with a field flower pattern, and at the windows, green chintz with yellow bindings. The room is furnished with antique pine pieces handed down in Mrs. Sams' family.

Mrs. Sams is a trained artist, and her love of color is evident throughout the house. For the principal downstairs rooms, she decided on traditional furnishings and a color scheme in which soft greens predominate.

Most contemporary in feeling of any of the rooms is the library. Its color scheme was lifted almost intact from the Sams' former home: bottle green walls and carpet, Chinese red sofa, marigold yellow in chairs, hobnail lamp bases, and in the handsome English floral chintz. This is one of Mrs. Sams' favorite rooms, and it makes a striking background for her own pale blonde coloring.

The doctor's office, the apple of his eye, is in woodsy colors. It is very masculine, as befits the man whom a neighbor calls "the Gary Cooper type," and whom Covington Boy Scouts last year voted the man they'd "most like to be like." The walls of the office are brown, the draperies are green, and earthen colors are mingled in the flaxen rug.

The Sams have created a home that meets their needs and reflects their personalities. Furthermore, they have built modern comfort into an ante-bellum house without sacrificing one iota of its charm and architectural integrity.

This year they have been asked to throw open their home for the state-wide Georgia Garden Clubs' tour. If they do, and if you make the tour, take a tip from their Covington neighbors and "Don't miss the Sams' place!"

Photo by J. M. Gray

Once the mosquitoes were put to rout and Carlisle's homeowners could really enjoy outdoor living for the first time, well-tended lawns like this one became the rule rather than the exception.

Revolution in Arkansas

Women's clubs spearheaded the movement which has made the little town of Carlisle a prettier and better place to live

By Edith Shannon

IF THE project that needs accomplishing in your town seems too big for the members of one club to swing, maybe you can use the technique that recently enabled Carlisle, Arkansas, to come out a state winner in the Build a Better Community Contest sponsored jointly by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Kroger Company. [The story of the national sweepstakes winner, Iuka, Mississippi, appeared in the September issue of HOLLAND'S.]

The announcement that unpretentious little Carlisle had won Arkansas' top prize of $300 cited participation of every man, woman, and child in the community as a significant factor in the victory. How was cooperation of that caliber achieved? Simply by application of the I'll-do-it-if-you-will leaven. Here *(Continued on page 20)*

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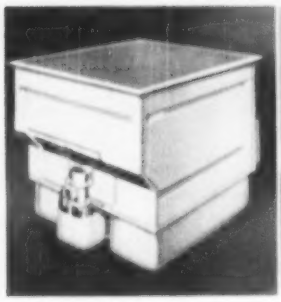

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Revolution in Arkansas

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is how it worked: Although Carlisle is nothing but a pleasant little country town (population 1,500) in the level rice-growing area of east-central Arkansas, it boasts four federated study clubs and a corresponding complement of church, civic and fraternal organizations. The number and variety of clubs is perhaps a result of the fact that most homes are of modest size, with living-room accommodations for not more than sixteen to eighteen, so that none of the clubs, which meet in the homes of the members, can be very large.

To avoid conflicting effort by the various clubs interested in community improvement, a Community Improvement Association was organized some two years ago. Its members included representatives from more than a dozen different groups. The idea of devising such a master switch to control community energy originated with the Chamber of Commerce, but it was readily accepted by the several organizations concerned.

The group held its regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the high school economics cottage. Not only the Chamber of Commerce and federated study clubs sent member-delegates—the home demonstration club, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Parent Teacher Association, Royal Neighbors, and Eastern Star joined in. The superintendent of schools came, and the president of the school board. The mayor and a councilman or two and editor of the town paper hitched their chairs into the circle, and two high school students—presidents of the junior and senior classes—were given a voice and a vote equal to that of any adult member.

Thus the Community Improvement Association of Carlisle is simply a linking-of-arms of 20 or 30 leaders from as many areas of community life—a working example of group dynamics.

No single individual and no single club could have accomplished the first major task undertaken by the new organization—upping the school tax, in the face of a resistance to higher taxes which is as strong in Carlisle as anywhere else. But agreeing that 50 children are too many for one school room and that the brick walls of a 1912-model building cannot be stretched, the Improvement Association put its support behind a new building. The levy passed by an easy majority and the new school was ready for occupancy in September of this year.

Another problem discussed in the friendly free-for-all of Improvement Association meetings was the community's lack of teen-age recreational facilities. The Chamber of Commerce, P.T.A., public school, and study clubs meshed their machinery and worked out a teen center. Located in the spacious school band hall, and equipped with juke-box, cold drink stand, ping pong paraphernalia, and turnabout chaperons, the project operated satisfactorily for a year. By that time the enthusiasm for come-one-come-all recreation had palled, and young people began to drop back into the wholesome pattern of home-centered fun in small groups. Observing the revival of "May I bring Dora and Betty home with me for dinner Sunday?" and "I'm invited to Gaines' house for a wiener roast tomorrow night," parents are inclined to regard the teen-club experiment, not as a failure, but as a successfully negotiated phase in social progress.

With these pieces of finished business on its record, the Improvement Association was ready to entertain new motions when announcement of the Build a Better Community contest, sponsored by the Kroger Company and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, came to the attention of the president of one of the local federated clubs.

Such a project was indeed timely. The town still wore the slightly down-at-the-heel look acquired during the war years when materials and labor were hard to come by. And the fact that the level townsite is underlaid by a close-to-the-surface hardpan meant that about the only natural scenery Carlisle can offer is mud-puddle mirrors for floating clouds. Add to that the regular invasion of mosquito hordes bred in surrounding rice fields, and the understandable result was that the average citizen's interest in the appearance of his home was pretty well bounded by the inside perimeter of his screened porches.

Two or three business establishments had, however, undergone a face-lifting, and here and there over town, somebody had installed a new picture window. Signs pointed toward a general desire for improvement. But a community-wide improvement program was something that would take a lot of pushing. The presidents of the four study clubs talked it over.

Carlisle's Self Culture Club, then in its 34th year, had experience in cultural leadership; the younger Progressive Club, dedicated to the same ideals, trailed right along be-

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hind, and the still younger Altruistic and Aliquanto groups backed up the club cause with youthful energy and enthusiasm. Any one of the four could do a thorough job of heading up a Red Cross drive, sponsoring a community library, or conjuring playground equipment out of nowhere.

But to make over the whole town! That, they agreed, was a job that would require help from everybody. The four clubs signed the entry blank as sponsors of the project, and then set about enlisting the aid of the already functioning Improvement Association.

That's the story really. All the rest—the new band uniforms; the everybody - plant - a - crape - myrtle campaign; the summertime war on weeds, with prizes awarded for the most attractive premises; a weekly column in the town paper about who had what in bloom and who'd polished off an alley eye-sore; an all-out outdoor Christmas lighting campaign—all those were merely details in an overall plan that would, naturally, vary for your town.

In Carlisle's case, one of the significant projects was experimenting with chemical fogging for mosquito control. Indoor DDT spraying is an accepted practice, and in the summer of 1949 the town fathers, urged on by citizens' cash contributions, carried the defense forward with street and alley fogging. As a result, houseflies all but disappeared, and the mosquito front definitely wavered.

In years past, a homeowner would think twice—and then change his mind — before he put in foundation plantings. There was no point in building breastworks for a bloodthirsty and venom-laden foe! But nowadays plans for the new homes going up call for landscaping as well

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Students compare notes in the doorway of Carlisle's new high school building, foremost project on the local Improvement Association's ambitious program.

as for attic fans, evergreens the same as floor furnaces.

Carlisle citizens moved no mountains, redirected no rivers to emerge as winners of Arkansas' sweepstakes in community improvement.* Instead, it was a matter of totaling the small, individual efforts of just about everybody in town.

The day the letter announcing victory in the state division arrived, Carlisle's telephone lines buzzed. It was Tuesday and the story would rate a banner in Thursday's *Independent*, but the news was too good to keep, and by noon word was all over town. ". . . because every man, woman, and child helped." That's what the letter said!

"What did you do, Billy?" one high-school journalism student asked a classmate.

"Nothing that I know of," said Billy. "What did you do?"

"I didn't do anything either."

Their teacher (I can quote her exactly because that's who I am) objected. Billy's not the kind of boy to let his mother handle a pick and shovel. Reminded that there are several new shrubs in his yard, he remembered that he *had* dug the holes. And Dale, the other boy, had kept busy all summer in his grandfather's shop sharpening lawn mowers. He bogged down in digits when he tried to estimate the number of lawns he'd had a part in grooming.

If a single citizen had to stand up and have a ribbon pinned on him for outstanding leadership in the community improvement project, there'd be only embarrassed refusals to accept the honor. The job was done through group dynamics—a fancy phrase for the good old American principle that in union there is the strength to do any job.

The major problem is your town may be smog or a low level of literacy, an epidemic of pinkeye or political corruption. Whatever it is, the harnessing of community leadership to pull together may work out for you as well as it did for Carlisle.

A second community improvement competition has recently been announced for Arkansas, this one sponsored by a power and light company. Having already netted a better town, a $300 prize, some encouraging publicity, and renewed enthusiasm for the whole idea of teamwork, and being already equipped with an organization whose business is community improvement, Carlisle will certainly enter.

*Other state winners in Holland's South were: Jasper, Alabama; Marianna, Florida; Augusta, Georgia; Cumberland, Kentucky; Lafayette, Louisiana; Iuka, Mississippi (also winner of national sweepstakes); Dexter, New Mexico; Asheboro, North Carolina; Lawton, Oklahoma; Maryville, Tennessee; Alpine, Texas; Elkton, Virginia; Morgantown, West Virginia.

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Homework

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bad marks, plugs away at her homework until every last line has been done to perfection. She is the child who worries over her assignments night after night, staying up later than is good for her. And in the afternoon, when she should be out playing in the sunshine, she sits in her room studying. Even on week ends, when Father wants to take the family for an outing, she can't be budged—that book report has to be finished by Monday!

What goes on here? Who is to blame for such distressing situations? Is it the teacher who, instead of really teaching, spends the class-time correcting the homework assigned the day before? Or is it the child who fritters away his study period at school, then dawdles over his homework to escape other chores at home, and finally uses homework as an excuse to stay up past his regular bedtime?

To answer these questions we would have to know the individual child and his teacher, but we do know that these problems are shared by millions of American families and are borne with different degrees of resignation, exasperation and downright rebellion. We also know that educators as well as parents have recently become quite concerned with the dilemma of homework. As we learn more and more about the child's development, we revise our theories of education. And along with those theories, naturally, go new attitudes toward homework, which one well-known educator has called "the most poorly administered phase of public education."

Within the last three years educators and parents have formed study groups at schools throughout the country to consider the pros and cons of homework. P.T.A. groups, administrative leaders, teachers and youth groups are considering the vital issue of homework—of what it should consist, what it should accomplish, how it should be assigned. The results of those nation-wide studies are extremely interesting. While there is a great deal of variation in attitudes and approach, one definite trend has evolved—the trend toward *less* homework for children of high-school age and below.

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2. What can be done to stimulate interest in homework?
3. Should parents help with homework?

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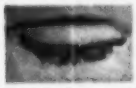

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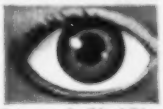

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emotion makes objective discussions almost impossible. Truly, the question of homework hits home! One mother felt that homework was a wonderful institution. "It keeps my Freddie out of trouble—at least I know where he is while he is doing his homework." A fifth-grade teacher of the old school of thought felt extra homework was good punishment for the problem child. Others who were in favor of homework thought it provided good mental discipline, an excellent training for coping with the problems of adult life. They were convinced of its character-building possibilities on the grounds that it contributes to more effective use of time and the development of sound work habits. A few teachers felt that it encouraged the development of the fourth "R"—Responsibility—in children.

The opposition is just as emphatic. Those in this camp insist that the advantages of homework are definitely outweighed by the disadvantages. They feel that, once school is over, the child's time should be free to devote to the development of other skills and hobbies, especially the building of a strong and healthy body. They stress, too, that children burdened with homework usually fall behind in the all-around personality development which comes from friendships, active sports and interest in music or art. Finally, they feel that home should be a place where the family gathers and enjoys each other's company for a few hours each day—not a place where one or several of its members must go into solitary retirement to prepare work for the next day. Just as Father should not bring work home from the office, children should not be burdened with school work outside their "office" hours.

The majority, however, favor a compromise in the form of modified, individualized homework. Instead of praising homework for its character-building virtues, and instead of condemning it outright as the enemy of a well-rounded life, these parents and teachers feel that even in today's modern school systems there is a definite place for homework. Not a predominant place, true, but an important one. As one school principal puts it, "Homework is practice." It should not be given to every child every day—but on an individual basis, as the need arises. Thus, if the teacher finds that Mary needs to brush up on her history in order to keep up with the rest of the class—Mary gets an assignment in history. George, who just can't get his multiplication tables straight, is assigned a little extra practice at home. In each case the assignments are not large—allowing the children time for play and other activities, and keeping them from reaching a saturation point too quickly.

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dispenses with the old method of giving everybody in the same grade the same amount of homework. It means that a teacher has to know each child and to consider his individual needs. After all, modern education is built on a teacher's intimate knowledge of each one of her charges—their special abilities and weaknesses.

The second question, "What can be done to stimulate interest in homework?" does not arouse as much feeling, but it, too, brings forth quite a variety of opinions. In the case of our individually-treated George or Mary, interest is usually not hard to arouse; a desire to keep up with the rest of the group is incentive enough. Some children actually ask for homework on subjects in which they feel they are weak. Homework geared to a need is rarely a problem.

Where homework is given to the group *as a whole* it is much harder to arouse interest in it. Nagging and prodding at home is a poor answer and usually an unsuccessful one. As in other areas of development, good habits (in this case good work habits) are the result of pride in achievement and an inner desire to do the job well. This interest in doing a job well can be stimulated in almost every child. One father reported that when his son studied the Territory of Alaska, the entire family suddenly turned Alaskan: Mother looked up special Alaskan dishes, Big Sister brought home books about Alaskan customs from the library and Father himself spent hours with his son, poring over a map of Alaska. Their "Alaskan adventure" gave them many delightful hours together, and Michael not only learned a great deal in this way, but found his appetite whetted for more!

Where such wholesale family activity is not possible, for one reason or another, parents find that the child does his homework more willingly if some choice as to when and where is left to him. If his time for homework coincides with the time the other fellows are out playing baseball or seeing a movie, he can't possibly be expected to concentrate on his work—and he may sit over it for many unhappy hours when it would take him only a short while at a more opportune time. Where they are allowed to make the choice, most children feel that the hour just before dinner is the best time for them—that gives them some playtime after school and still leaves the evening free. A few choose to do it the moment they come home from school—to "get it over with."

Stimulation for efficient performance of homework seems to be geared to the age of the child, too. A first grader seems to work best if an adult sits with him and gives him some help. At that age, most children have not established work

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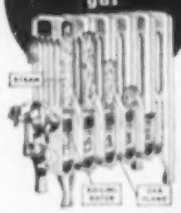

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habits and need adults to encourage them. Second to fourth graders seem to work well as individuals, according to studies by Dr. Arnold Gesell of the Yale Child Guidance Clinic. They need help only in getting started. Once embarked on a school exercise, they tend to practice and do what is expected of them. The children in that age group take readily to school methods which place a premium on efficiency and preparation for promotion.

The fifth grader likes to work by the clock—his mind runs that way. And so it goes—each age and each child varies, and the wise parent knows—or should know—what will effect the best results with his child.

Finally, there is the question of parental assistance with homework. Nearly everybody concerned feels that in the case of the first and second graders, help from an adult is all to the good.

Older children, however, often resent their parents' unsolicited help and feel that they could do much better on their own. Parents, on the other hand, are just as resentful about being called upon to sit down night after night to do some long-forgotten arithmetic and geography lessons. And to complicate things further—some educators warn parents to be sure and keep their hands off their children's homework—their old-fashioned methods of reading and doing arithmetic are bound to conflict with modern methods and would only confuse the child.

Again, the answer seems to lie in a compromise. Occasional help from parents and a friendly interest without over-protection and perfectionist concern, is what most children need. Again allowing for individual differences in children, some supervision from parents is advantageous. One mother pointed out that her presence was especially needed when her little Susan lost patience and got ready to slam the schoolbook shut. Instead of letting her get too discouraged over her inability to solve a problem, she would kindly and quietly go over it with her and suggest a new way of approaching the problem. A little gentle prodding and encouragement are the best services parents can offer. But it is unwise to allow the child to lean too heavily on assistance from his parents.

If you find that homework has become a big factor in your child's life and yours, and you feel that you can no longer cope with it; if your child is overworked and never has time for fun and family, do what millions of parents throughout the country have done—form a study group in your own school and see what teacher, principal and parents working together can do to bring about a happy solution to the problem. For while the problem is universal, the effective solution must vary with the local situation.

The Secrets of Success with Draperies

These suggestions on sewing, accessories and fabric selection will help you turn out draperies that look like the work of a professional

Photo by Carl Ullrich

By Christine Pines

IT'S the window hangings—curtains or draperies—that give a room softness, color and individuality. The draperies may be long or short, lined or unlined, stationary or movable. They can be used alone or with curtains, blinds or shades. They may cover the entire window or merely hang at the sides. Or they can play the role of both—side draperies by day and full-drawn draperies by night. But whatever the style, they play a feature role in the decoration of the room.

Draperies to the floor are the most popular style; they are draped on the floor only in very formal rooms. Sill- or apron-length draperies are used in informal rooms, or in rooms where an extra wide window sill, a built-in window seat or a radiator below the window discourages long ones. Actually, there's no set rule.

Choice of drapery material is far wider than choice of length, so don't jump at the first dramatic print that catches your eye. Shop around until you find just the right pattern, material and color. In fact, bring a swatch home and study it in its setting before you make the final decision. Consider the entire decor of the room. Does it have modern or period furniture? Does it call for light tones and delicate fabrics or heavy materials in deep, rich colors? If you've used a bold print, stripe or plaid in the slip covers or upholstery, or if there is a pattern in the floor covering, you may prefer a very simple pattern or a solid color for the draperies. And if the room is small, draperies in a small pattern or solid color often help to make it appear larger. On the other hand, boldly patterned fabrics are very effective in large rooms with solid color walls.

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Success with Draperies

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burlap and monks cloth, as well as sailcloth and other cottons. Early American furnishings and calico go hand in hand, and chintz, bless it, comes in such a variety of designs, formal and informal, that it goes well with nearly all types of furnishings. The new fabrics like nylon and plastic have been used successfully with many styles of furnishings, and they have the advantages of easy washability and upkeep.

There are lots of points to consider when you shop for drapery material. Notice labels, tags and the printing on the selvage that tell you the material is sanforized (won't shrink more than 1 per cent or less than a half inch to the yard) and vat-dyed (colors are fast). Look for added advantages like material which is water-spot resistant, crush and crease resistant, moth resistant, fire retardant and resistant to sun-fading, dust and mildew.

There isn't as wide a choice in linings and interlinings as there is in drapery fabrics. A flannel interlining is generally used for draperies made of velvet, tapestry or other heavy fabrics. For linings, sateen or unbleached muslin is generally used. Taffeta linings are used for brocade and taffeta draperies, and satin linings for velvet draperies. An innovation in drapery linings is the use of a plastic sheeting. It is especially good for use in cities where soot and dirt are a problem, because you can sponge off the linings without taking down the drapery.

If the lining is snapped to the drapery, you can remove it, wash and rehang it without disturbing the draperies. Double hung draperies, hemmed separately but not fastened together, give the effect of lined draperies and are easier to clean.

Few draperies need an interlining, but most of them should be lined. Linings protect the fabric from strong light, dampness and dust. They make the draperies hang in richer folds, and show off the pattern of the fabric to better advantage by keeping the light from shining through it.

Before you start calculating the amount of material you'll need, decide how you want to hang your draperies. Will they hang from the ceiling or above the casing to give the illusion of a higher window, or over part of the wall to widen the window wall; or will they follow the exact lines of the window? There's a special extender plate which can be attached to the window frame to widen or heighten the frame. Or you can hang the draperies on special extender rods in order to make the window appear wider.

Now for the measurements. Measure each of the windows separately—they may often appear to be the same but actually differ as much as 2 or 3 inches. Measure in inches the length from drapery fixture to sill, bottom of apron, or floor (depending on the length you plan to have drapery). For draped-on-the-floor hangings, allow 6 to 12 inches in addition to the floor length. Add 2 inches for the upper hem and 2 inches for the bottom hem (4 inches for each hem if the material is sheer or very lightweight). Add 1 inch

"I figure anybody who leaves stuff like that around is askin' for it . . ."

to the yard for shrinkage, unless material is pre-shrunk. If you are not using a cornice and plan to have a heading which sticks up above the rod, add 3 to 6 inches more—3 inches if stiffening is to be used, 6 inches for a double hem and no stiffening.

The width allowance should take into consideration the heaviness of the fabric. Draperies should look full and easy, but not bulky. The general rule for single-window side draperies is one full width of 50-inch fabric for each side, even if the window is narrow. For double window treatment, where two windows are draped as a single unit, you'll need twice the width, or four full widths of 50-inch fabric, two to each side. For draw draperies, the width allowance for sheer or lightweight materials is usually two times the width of the area to be draped. For heavier fabrics, one and one-half times the width. Try not to split the narrow widths. It's better to add a little fullness or use material of a different width than to have too many seams.

Now, to get the yardage, multiply the length (with all the additions) by the number of widths necessary and divide by 36. Better add a little extra yardage if you're using a fabric with a large or widely spaced design.

Before you start the actual sewing, consider these suggestions. They will help you achieve a professional look and make the finished job a rewarding one:

1. Press material and cut off all selvages before you do anything else. The tight weave of the selvage may cause the fabric to pucker.

2. Work on a large table or on a clean bare floor, not on a rug—though tile or linoleum is dandy.

3. To measure material for cutting, spread on table or floor, fold lengthwise and measure on folded line with yardstick. Don't stretch the material.

4. To cut, draw a thread (if weave permits) and use the line left by the pulled thread as a guide for cutting.

5. If material does not lie flat when it's folded lengthwise and the edges are brought together, carefully pull the cloth diagonally until it is smooth.

6. Measuring, pinning and pressing hems before sewing will give more accurate results than pinning and basting. Use a notched cardboard gauge to get an even hem.

7. When making unlined draperies, make side hems first, then bottom hems and heading. If you plan to use stiffening in the heading, put it across the top under the side hems before you fold down the top hem.

8. There are several ways to handle shrinkage. You can wash the material or have it dry cleaned before you make the draperies. Another way is to incorporate the shrinkage allowance in a double hem at the bottom (unless it makes the drapery too bulky). Or it can take the form of a tuck just below the top hem. Some people put it in the top hem, but that means the heading has to be taken apart in order to let out the shrinkage allowance.

9. Weighted tape or covered weights tacked in the bottom hem (or on the finished hem where a lining will cover the weight) keep draperies from blowing and make folds more even.

10. To hold the drapery in place, sew a small ring to the back of the drapery edge a few inches above the bottom. Attach a cup hook on the window casing the same number of inches from the bottom of the drapery. Secure ring on cup hook.

Now for the thing that frightens so many first-time drapery makers—linings! There are several ways to line draperies, and once you get the hang of it, it's a snap.

One way to put in a lining is to cut it one-half inch smaller than the drapery material except at the bottom. Simplify the system by cutting off the half inch at the same time you snip off the selvage. Hem the bottom of the drapery and the bottom of the lining separately. Then, lay the lining right side up on the wrong side of the drapery so that it is a half inch above the drapery at the bottom. Turn the sides of the drapery over the lining a half inch, turn under raw edges and slip-stitch together. Do the same at the top. Leave the bottoms free. This is as good a method as any for narrow side draperies, but here's a better method which is also a good procedure for attaching interlinings. The only difference in putting in a lining and an interlining is that the interlining requires no hems. Stitch in side and top hems of lining first and then tack to sides and top of drapery.

Before the final tacking, place the lining on the drapery which has been hemmed all the way around. Fold the lining lengthwise upon itself along the center of the drapery. Tack the lining loosely to the drapery fabric with a set of stitches 5 or 6 inches apart. See that the stitches don't show on the right side and be sure the thread lies very loosely between the stitches. If you draw the thread tightly, the draperies will pucker.

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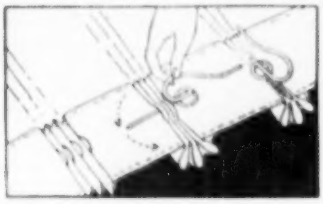

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WHAT MAKES A GOOD CUP OF COFFEE

By DOROTHY STOUT

THE person who loves coffee, as most Southerners do, prepares it more often than any other food or beverage and uses a coffee pot more than any other kitchen utensil. Yet many people who drink coffee regularly pay little attention to the way they prepare it or to the pot they brew it in—with the result that they seldom turn out a truly good cup of coffee. Actually, good coffee—clear, fragrant and full-bodied—is so easy to make that there is no excuse for an inferior brew.

It all starts with a good coffee maker. If you're planning to buy a new one, you'll find a wide choice of good ones in the stores—drip pots, vacuum makers and percolators—all so smartly styled you'll be proud to use one of them with your best table service. Pouring spouts are designed to keep the coffee from dripping on your linens, and scratchproof bases protect the table surface. Easy-to-read cup markings help you get exact measurements—a must in making good coffee. The bowls have large openings (big enough to get your hand through) and are free of cracks and crevices that accumulate coffee grounds and make the pot hard to clean.

One of the best things about many of the new coffee makers is the automatic feature. All you do is plug them in and the electrical thermostats do the rest. You don't even have to bother about timing—they shut off when the coffee is brewed and then keep the brew at the right temperature until you're ready to serve it.

The choice of drip pot, vacuum maker or percolator depends on your personal taste in coffee. Coffee made by each of these methods has a distinctive flavor, but all three types of coffee makers will turn out a good brew if they are properly used.

The first rule in coffee making is to use a pot that's thoroughly clean, so be particular about cleaning your coffee maker after each use. A mere rinsing isn't enough—it takes hot water and soap to remove the volatile oils that collect inside the bowl. Consult the manufacturer's cleaning instructions that come with your coffee maker. They will vary according to the material of which the pot is made. For example, an occasional cleansing with baking soda freshens glass, pottery and chrome-plated brewers, but soaps and cleansers containing strong alkalies are hard on aluminum vessels. In cleaning any electric pot, be careful not to submerge the heating element in water.

If you have a vacuum maker that uses a cloth filter, rinse the filter in clear water (no soap) after each use. For best results, keep the filter damp between usings—put the entire filter assembly, including the cloth, in a container of cold water and store it in the refrigerator. Don't try to economize by using a filter cloth after it's

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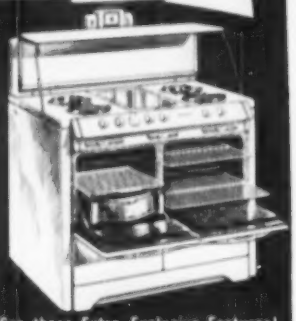

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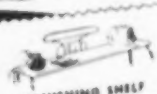

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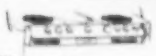

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¼ cup shortening	¼ cup lukewarm water
1 tsp. salt	2 eggs, beaten well
½ cup sugar	5-6 cups flour, sifted

Pour milk over shortening, sugar and salt. Crumble yeast into lukewarm water to soften. Cool milk to lukewarm. Add yeast and eggs. Beat in flour to make a soft dough. Turn out on a floured board and knead until smooth. Place in a greased bowl, cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. When light, shape into a long roll about 1 inch in diameter. Coil the roll into a greased cake pan and cover with honey topping. Let rise until double in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Makes one large or two small twists.

HONEY TOPPING

¼ cup butter	1 egg white
⅔ cup confectioners' sugar	2 tbsp. honey, warmed

Cream all ingredients together and brush over twist after roll is in pan.—Mrs. L. S.

Potato-Hamburg Pinwheels

1 lb. hamburger	1 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. minced onion	3 cups mashed potatoes, seasoned
1 egg	

Mix hamburger, egg, onion and salt. Place mashed potatoes between two pieces of waxed paper and pat or roll to about ⅜-inch thickness. Remove top waxed paper. Spread potato with meat mixture and roll up as for jelly roll. Chill. Cut in 1-inch thick slices, place on baking sheet and broil 5 to 6 minutes on each side or until well browned. Serves 8.—Mrs. F. T.

Banana Dutch Coffee Cake

3 firm bananas	2 tbsp. melted butter
1 cup sifted flour	3 tbsp. milk
1¼ tsp. baking powder	¼ tsp. cinnamon
2 tbsp. sugar	1 tsp. grated orange rind
¼ cup shortening	½ tsp. salt
1 egg, well beaten	

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Cut in shortening. Combine milk and egg. Add to flour mixture and stir until mixture is blended. Turn dough into greased baking pan 8x10x2 inches and spread evenly over bottom of pan. Cut bananas into ¼-inch diagonal pieces. Cover surface of dough with pieces of bananas. Brush bananas with butter. Mix together cinnamon, orange rind and sugar. Sprinkle over top of bananas. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) for 35 minutes.—Mrs. R. C.

Mock Chess Pies

2 eggs	½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar	1 tsp. flour
1 cup evaporated milk	Sprinkle of nutmeg
Pinch of salt	1 9-inch pie shell
1½ tsp. vanilla	

Beat whole eggs until light, gradually beating in sugar with the flour and salt added. Add milk, vanilla and butter, beating until butter is well dissolved. Sprinkle with nutmeg, and pour in unbaked pie shell. Bake 10 minutes at 450° F., then continue baking for 35 minutes at 325° F.—Mrs. E. H. F.

Cottage Cheese Pancakes

1 cup sifted flour	4 eggs, slightly beaten
¼ tsp. salt	3 tbsp. melted shortening
1 tbsp. sugar	1 cup cream
¼ tsp. soda	
1 cup cottage cheese	

Sift flour, salt, sugar and soda together. Put cottage cheese through a sieve. Blend cheese, eggs and melted shortening. Beat into dry ingredients. Bake on ungreased griddle. Serve immediately with syrup, sugar or jam. Makes 16 to 20 large cakes.—Mrs. F. F.

Rabbit Casserole

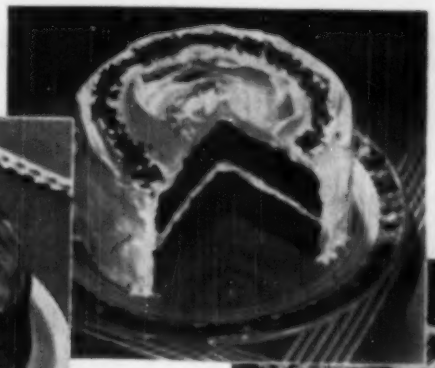
1 young rabbit	3 medium-size carrots
2 slices bacon	4 medium-size Irish potatoes
2 medium-size onions	1 cup water
2 tbsp. fat	

Cut rabbit at joints. Pull legs from body, taking loose most of the meat from the ribs. Boil ribs, liver and heart in 1 cup of water to make a broth.

Chop bacon fine, heat slowly, until it is a golden brown, then remove to plate. Use fat to brown the rabbit, adding more fat if needed. When browned, the boned rabbit should be placed on bacon plate.

Slice onions, then brown in fat. Place in bottom of casserole. Dice potatoes, then place in casserole. Dice carrots and place in casserole. Pour in boiling stock. Add layer of mixed bacon and rabbit meat. Salt and pepper to taste. Cover and cook in a moderate oven (325° F.) until rabbit is tender, about 1 hour to 1½ hours.—Mrs. F. A.

Red Devil's Food with Divinity Frosting



Fudge Cake

One-Layer Chocolate Nut Cake

You Can't Beat a CHOCOLATE CAKE!

By Christine Millar

YOU shouldn't need three guesses to name the favorite cake of dessert-loving men and boys—and lots of women too. "Any flavor, so long as it's chocolate." Chocolate cake in any of its infinitely varied forms—dark, moist devil's food in combination with luscious orange frosting, feathery cocoa angel food or chocolate chiffon cake with fluffy cream-cheese icing, red devil's food swirled with glistening divinity frosting.

Since chocolate burns easily, it should be melted slowly over hot water—never over direct heat. Always cool melted chocolate slightly before adding it to the cake mixture. If it becomes necessary to substitute cocoa for chocolate, or chocolate for cocoa, it is well to remember that ¼ cup cocoa and ½ tablespoon butter or other fat is equivalent to one 1-ounce square of chocolate.

Black and Gold Cake

BLACK AND GOLD CAKE

Prepare a ready-mix chocolate or devil's food cake according to directions on package, using coffee for the liquid. Frost with Golden Frosting.

Golden Frosting

¼ cup butter or margarine
Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
⅛ tsp. salt
Grated rind and juice of 1 medium orange
1 lb. confectioners' sugar

Melt butter or margarine. Add salt and fruit rind and juices. Stir in sifted confectioners' sugar, adding more sugar or juice as necessary to make desired spreading

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Chocolate Cake

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consistency. This amount frosts two 9-inch layers. Decorate sides of cake with orange slices.

ONE-LAYER CHOCOLATE NUT CAKE

1⅔ cups cake flour	1 egg
2 tsp. baking powder	1 tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp. salt	¾ cup milk
¼ cup shortening	⅓ cup walnuts or pecans, chopped
¾ cup sugar	

Sift flour, measure, then sift with baking powder and salt. Beat shortening until creamy; add the sugar gradually, beating well. Add unbeaten egg and vanilla; beat thoroughly. Add flour mixture alternately with the milk, beating until smooth after each addition. Stir chopped nuts into batter last. Pour into greased deep 9-inch cake pan and bake at 350° F. 35 minutes.

Quick Chocolate Frosting

1 cup semisweet chocolate pieces	2 tsp. hot water
⅔ cup sweetened condensed milk	½ tsp. vanilla
	⅓ cup walnuts or pecans, chopped

Melt chocolate in top of double boiler, then stir in milk. Remove from heat; add hot water and flavoring. Beat until well blended. Spread on cooled cake; decorate with semisweet chocolate and nuts.

RED DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

4 squares chocolate	2 cups cake flour
1¾ cups sugar	¼ tsp. salt
1 cup milk	1 tsp. vanilla
3 eggs	1 tsp. soda
½ cup shortening	1 tbsp. hot water

Melt chocolate in double boiler. Add 1 cup of the sugar, ½ cup milk and 1 egg yolk, beaten. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. While mixture is cooling, cream shortening with remaining ¾ cup sugar until mixture is light and fluffy. Beat remaining yolks and the whites together; stir eggs into creamed mixture. Add remaining ½ cup milk, flour, salt, cooled cocoa mixture, vanilla, and soda (dissolved in the hot water). Beat until smooth. Pour into two prepared 9-inch layer-cake pans and bake 35 minutes at 350° F.

Divinity Frosting

2 cups sugar	⅛ tsp. salt
½ cup hot water	2 egg whites
½ cup light corn syrup	½ tsp. vanilla

Mix sugar, water, corn syrup and salt. Cook, stirring constantly, until sugar is dissolved and mixture boils. Continue cooking, without stirring, until syrup dropped in cold water forms a firm ball (248° to 254° F.). Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Pour syrup over whites in a

fine stream, beating vigorously. Add flavoring and continue beating until frosting holds its shape.

COCOA ANGEL FOOD CAKE

- ¼ cup cocoa
- ¾ cup cake flour
- 1¼ cups sugar
- 1 cup egg whites
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Sift together four times the measured cocoa, flour and half of the sugar. Beat egg whites with salt until frothy; add cream of tartar and beat until the egg foam starts to peak. Fold in the remaining sugar to form a meringue. Gradually fold in flour-sugar-cocoa mixture. When mixture is partially blended, add flavoring and continue folding, using an over-and-over motion (do not stir). Fold until ingredients are barely blended, then turn into a 9-inch ungreased tube pan and bake 1 hour at 300° F. Test for doneness by touching top of cake with finger; if cake springs back into shape, and is slightly shrunken from sides of pan, it is done. Invert cake on cooling rack and leave in pan until cold—at least 1 hour. Frost with:

Peppermint Candy Frosting

- ¼ cup crushed peppermint stick candy
- ½ cup light cream
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
- Dash of salt

Melt candy in cream in top of double boiler, then remove from fire and stir in sugar and salt; beat until smooth. Add more cream if needed.

CHOCOLATE CHIFFON CAKE

- ⅔ cup (¼ cup plus 2 tbsp.) boiling water
- ¼ cup cocoa
- ⅞ cup cake flour (1 cup minus 2 tbsp.)
- ⅞ cup sugar
- 1½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ cup salad oil
- 4 egg yolks, unbeaten
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- Few drops red food coloring
- 4 egg whites
- ¼ tsp. cream of tartar

Gradually add water to cocoa, mixing until smooth. Sift measured flour, sugar, salt and baking powder together into a bowl. Make a well in flour mixture and add salad oil, then add egg yolks, cocoa mixture, vanilla and food coloring; beat until smooth. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until very stiff and dry. Gradually pour batter into egg whites, folding gently until the two mixtures are barely blended. Pour into ungreased 9-inch-square pan. Bake in a moderate oven, 350° F., 35 to 40 minutes. Frost with:

Fluffy Chocolate Frosting

- 1 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 2 tbsp. coffee cream
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- 1½ squares bitter chocolate
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar

Add cream to cheese and beat until fluffy. Add melted chocolate and vanilla and beat until smooth. Stir in sifted sugar.

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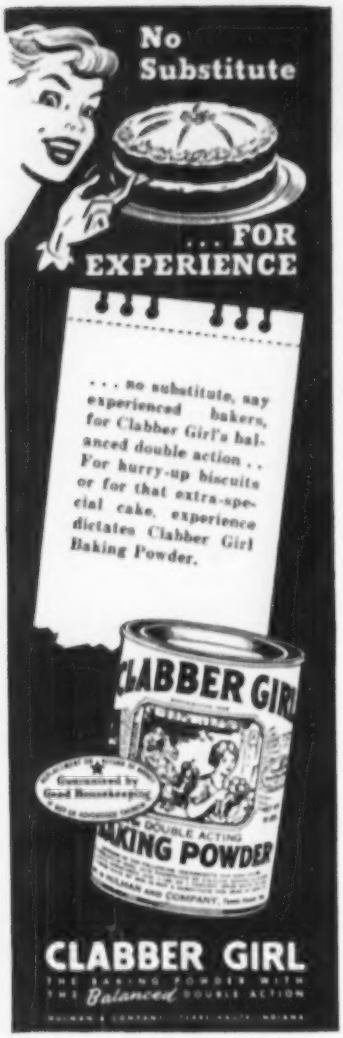

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HOW TO FOLLOW A RECIPE

WHEN Grandmother cooked, she just did what came naturally. After years of experience in the kitchen, her sense of touch told her when the texture of dough was right, and she knew instinctively just how much milk to add to make a thin batter. She used her hand to test the temperature of the oven—and seldom, if ever, did she use a "receipt." She taught Mother how to cook by this handful-of-flour-and-butter-the-size-of-an-egg method. She also gave her a few treasured "receipts." And what delicious dishes Mother turned out with them! Then, as modern kitchen equipment and tested recipes were developed, Mother began to use them, along with the know-how Grandmother had given her, to produce even better food.

Today, a beginner who wants to prepare food to equal Mother's does not need to serve this long apprenticeship; she can depend on reliable, tested recipes. And good recipes, accurately followed and seasoned with a genuine interest in foods, make an A-1 cook. A clearly written recipe certainly isn't difficult to follow to the letter, yet it is surprising how many cooks fail to do so and then blame poor results on the recipe or one of the ingredients. The surest and easiest way to follow a recipe exactly is to do it step by step in logical sequence.

[redacted] First, read the recipe through to make sure that you have all the necessary ingredients and equipment. If the recipe specifies 9-inch cake pans, check to see that you have them. Unless you are adept at substitutions, you can expect perfect results only by using the exact ingredients listed in the recipe and the correct pan size.

[redacted] Go over the steps in your mind to determine the logical order. Is the oven to be preheated? Is there a mixture to be cooked and cooled before the whole is put together? Are there cake pans to be greased? Organize the preparation so that once you start there will be no delay.

[redacted] Get out all ingredients and all equipment needed for measuring, mixing and cooking.

[redacted] Preheat oven, if called for. Grease and flour pans, or do any other pan preparation needed. Do any food chopping or grinding required by the recipe. If any food

product is to be heated, then chilled, do that before you measure other materials.

MEASURING: Flour. When a recipe says "flour," it means an all-purpose white flour. When cake flour or a special flour is required, it is specified in the recipe. Flour should be sifted before measuring, unless the recipe says "unsifted." Failure to sift flour before measuring makes a vast difference in the quantity of flour used and in the quality of the finished product. After sifting the flour, spoon it lightly into the measuring cup, filling to above the top; level it off with a spatula or straight-edged knife. For flour and other large-quantity dry materials, use a graduated measuring cup whose rim is even with the measure.

Sugar. To measure white sugar, dip the proper size cup into the sugar, filling it to above the rim, then level it off. Brown sugar should be packed firmly into the cup unless the recipe states otherwise.

Liquids. A graduated measuring cup with a rim above the 1-cup mark is best. Fill the cup to the desired level, bringing the cup to eye level for accurate measurement. Before measuring honey and syrups, oil the cup lightly so they will not stick to it. A spoonful of liquid means all the spoon will hold.

Baking powder, soda, salt, and spices. Use graduated standard measuring spoons — 1 tablespoon, 1 teaspoon, ½ teaspoon, ¼ teaspoon. Dip the spoon into the ingredient so that it is rounded full, then level it off with a straight-edged knife. For ⅛ teaspoon, use the ¼-teaspoon measure and divide lengthwise of spoon with a knife; scrape out half of ingredient. Less than ⅛ teaspoon is a "pinch."

Fats. Use the level graduated measuring cups. Pack fat tightly into cup and above the rim, then level off. Margarine or butter packaged in quarter pounds need not be measured; each quarter is ½ cup.

MIXING: Follow directions given in recipe. When beating slightly or folding gently is specified, do just that. The recipe has been developed so that best results are obtained with the mixing technique recommended.

COOKING: Cook or bake as directed. In roasting meats, deep-fat frying, baking, and making candies, frostings and jellies, use a thermometer whenever possible. And if your oven has no regulator, it is a good idea to buy a thermometer to place on your oven shelf. To allow for slight variance, most recipes give a minimum and maximum baking time. Cook the minimum length of time, then test for doneness.

HANDLING the finished product. Follow final directions on through for molding or removing from pans. Sponge cakes, for instance, are completely cooled in the pans; layer cakes are usually cooled for a few minutes, then removed from pans.

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CHEESE STRAWS

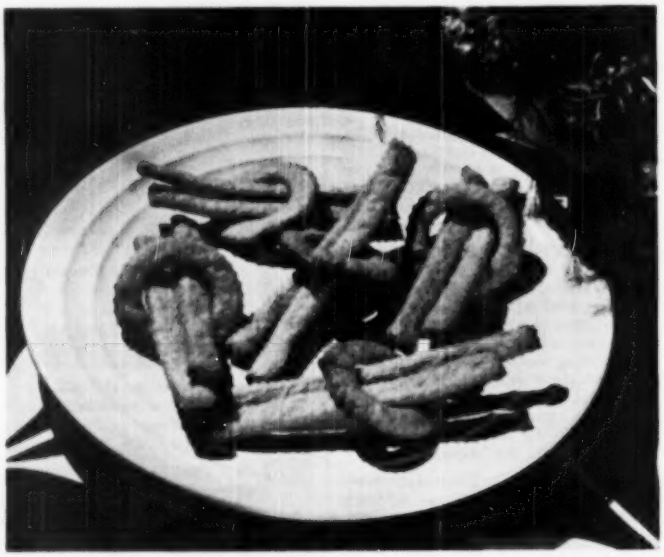
- 1 cup shredded American processed cheese
- 3 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 4½ tbsp. milk
- ¾ cup flour
- 1½ cups fresh bread crumbs
- Salt, paprika, cayenne pepper to taste

Blend the shredded cheese with the butter or margarine; add milk. Mix the flour, crumbs and seasonings and add to the cheese mixture. Knead lightly until smooth. Roll to the thickness of pastry and cut into 6x½-inch strips. With one third of the strips, bring the ends together to form circles. Bake on greased tins in a moderately hot oven, 400° F., about 10 minutes, or until brown. To serve, put two or three straws through each circle.

FLAKY CHEESE STRAWS

- 1 pkg. pie crust mix
- 1 cup grated American cheese
- ½ tsp. paprika
- ¼ tsp. salt

Follow directions on package for preparing pie crust; roll out and sprinkle with half of the cheese, paprika and salt. Fold over; sprinkle with remaining cheese, paprika and salt. Fold over and again roll out to pie-crust thickness. Cut about two thirds of the pastry into narrow strips 5 inches long; cut the remainder into longer strips and loop the ends over to form a circle, ending in a bowknot. Arrange on baking sheet and bake at 450° F. for 8 to 10 minutes. To serve, place two or three straws in each circle.



For an unusual effect, bake a third of the cheese straws in the form of circles. Before serving, insert two or three straight strips through them.

FOOD IDEAS from the EXPERTS

Frosted Chocolate Marble Cake

3 cups sifted cake flour
3 tsp. Calumet Baking Powder*
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup butter or other shortening
2 cups sugar
¾ cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla
6 egg whites, stiffly beaten
3 squares unsweetened chocolate
4 tbsp. sugar
¼ cup boiling water
¼ tsp. soda

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Fold in egg whites quickly and thoroughly. To melted chocolate, add sugar and boiling water, stirring until blended. Then add soda and stir until thickened. Cool slightly. Divide cake batter into two parts. To one part add chocolate mixture and blend. Put by tablespoons into greased pan, 10x10x2 inches, alternating light and dark mixtures. Bake in moderate oven, 350° F., 55 minutes. Spread with Hungarian Frosting.

HUNGARIAN FROSTING

3 squares unsweetened chocolate
1½ cups confectioners' sugar
2½ tbsp. hot water
3 egg yolks
4 tbsp. butter

Melt chocolate in double boiler. Remove from boiling water, add sugar and water and blend. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add butter, a tablespoon at a time, beating thoroughly after each amount. Makes enough frosting to cover tops and sides of two 8- or 9-inch layers, or top and sides of 8x8x2-inch cake (generously), or top and sides of a 10x10x2-inch cake or about 2 dozen cup cakes.

*Recipe courtesy Calumet Baking Powder.

Lemon-Prune Pie

1 8-inch baked Jewel pastry shell*
½ cup sugar
4 tbsp. flour
½ tsp. salt
1 cup water
3 egg yolks
Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
2 tbsp. margarine
1 cup chopped cooked prunes
½ cup chopped pecans

Combine the sugar, flour and salt. Add the water and cook in top of double boiler until thickened, about 20 minutes. Add slightly beaten egg yolks and cook for 5 minutes. Add lemon rind, juice and margarine. Cool. Pour into baked pie shell, cover with well-drained prunes and sprinkle with pecans. Top with:

MERINGUE

3 egg whites
6 tbsp. sugar
⅛ tsp. salt

Beat egg whites until almost stiff. Add sugar gradually, beating constantly. Add salt and beat until mixture holds in peaks. Spread roughly on top of pie, having meringue touch shell at all points. Bake in a slow oven (325° F.) 12 to 15 minutes.

*Recipe courtesy Jewel.

Pop Corn Candy

2 cups ground popped Jolly Time Pop Corn*
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup molasses
½ cup butter or margarine

Mix sugar, molasses and shortening in medium sized sauce pan. Cook until small amount forms soft ball when tested in cold water. Add ground popped corn. When partially cool cut into squares.

*Recipe courtesy Jolly Time Pop Corn.

Welsh Rarebit

4 cups fine dry bread crumbs
3 cups milk
1 lb. diced American cheese
1 lb. diced Old English cheese
Pepper and salt
2 tsp. A.1. Sauce*

Soak bread crumbs in milk in top of double boiler. Place over hot water and add cheese. When cheese has melted, stir well. Add dash of pepper and A.1. Sauce. Salt to taste. Serve on toast. Serves 10 to 12.

*Recipe courtesy A.1. Sauce.

Lucky Clovers

¾ cup milk
¼ cup sugar
2¼ tsp. salt
4½ tbsp. shortening
¾ cup lukewarm water
2 pkg. or cakes Fleischmann's yeast, dry or compressed*
About 4½ cups sifted all-purpose flour

Scald the milk; stir in the sugar, salt and shortening and cool to lukewarm. Measure the water into a bowl, add the yeast and let stand until dissolved; stir. Add the lukewarm milk mixture, then 2¼ cups of flour and beat until smooth. Stir in the remaining flour, turn the dough out on a lightly floured board and knead. Place in a greased bowl and brush the top lightly with melted shorten-

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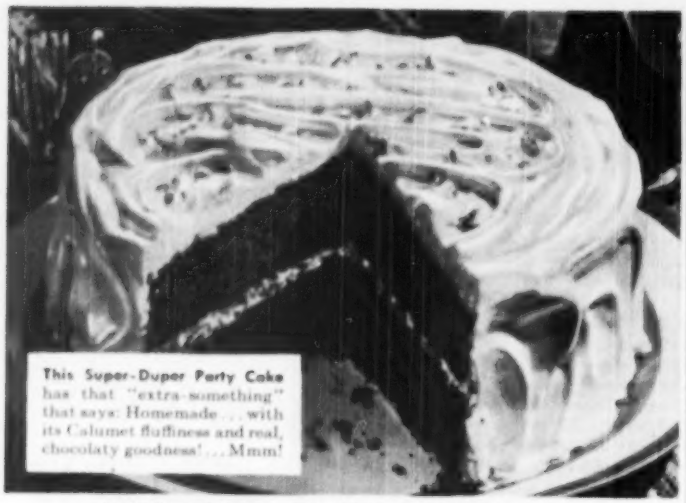

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2 teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
¼ teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
1½ cups sugar
3 eggs, unbeaten
3 squares Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted
*Milk (see below for amount)
1 teaspoon vanilla

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Baking—Turn batter into pans. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 30 minutes, or until done. Cool.

Frosting—Prepare your favorite fluffy white frosting. When cool and of right consistency to spread, add ¼ cup crushed hard peppermint candy. Tint a delicate pink with red coloring. Spread frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake. Sprinkle with additional crushed peppermint candy.

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ing. Cover with a clean towel and let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 50 minutes. When doubled in bulk, punch down and turn out on lightly floured board; divide in half. Form each half into a roll about 9 inches long. Cut in 9 equal pieces, and form each piece into a smooth ball. Place in greased muffin tins. With scissors, divide the rolls in half, then in quarters, cutting almost through to the bottom of the rolls. Brush lightly with melted butter or margarine. Cover with a clean towel and let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk. Bake in a hot oven at 425° F. about 15 minutes.

*Recipe courtesy Fleischmann's Yeast.

Home-Made Chili Con Carne

1 lb. pork
1 lb. beef
4 tbsp. shortening
2 cloves garlic, cut fine
1 medium onion, chopped fine
4 tbsp. Mexene Chile Powder*
2 tbsp. flour

Boil beef and pork together until tender, then cut in small pieces; put shortening, onion and garlic in frying pan and fry until brown. Add the meat, ½ pint of meat stock, chile powder blended with flour, and cook until mixture thickens, about 15 minutes. Beans may be added if desired.

*Recipe courtesy Mexene.

Macaroni with Cream Tomato Sauce

1 pkg. Skinner's Macaroni*
2 tbsp. butter
4 tbsp. flour
1 cup milk
½ tsp. soda
1 pt. strained tomatoes
Sugar, salt and pepper

Cook the macaroni in 3 quarts boiling water, with 1 teaspoon salt added, for 10 to 15 minutes. Drain but do not blanch. Make a thick white sauce of the butter, flour and milk. Add the soda to the tomatoes (this prevents curdling). Mix all together. Add sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Heat and pour over the macaroni.

*Recipe courtesy Skinner's.

Corn Bread

¾ cup yellow corn meal
1½ cups sifted flour
2 tsp. Clabber Girl Baking Powder*
2 tbsp. sugar
½ tsp. salt
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup milk
4 tbsp. melted shortening

Sift the dry ingredients together. Combine the egg, milk and shortening and pour into the dry ingredients all at one time. Stir quickly and vigorously until all ingredients are just mixed and have a lumpy appearance. Turn into a greased shallow baking pan 8 inches square and 2 inches deep. Bake 30 minutes in a moderate oven (375° F.).

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A Good Cup of Coffee

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torn or badly discolored, for it gradually accumulates fats and oils that may affect the flavor of the coffee.

Whatever the brand you like best, be sure that the coffee you buy is fresh. Buy it in small quantities so it won't get stale on the pantry shelf, and be sure to get the proper grind for your coffee maker. Some people prefer to grind their own in order to get maximum freshness and the full flavor and aroma of the coffee bean. Storing the coffee in a tightly closed metal container in the refrigerator helps retain the flavor, too.

Fresh water is important to good coffee, because the oxygen it contains adds zip to the coffee. And it must be cold water, no matter what type of coffee maker you use. Water from the hot tap often contains rust and other impurities that affect the flavor. Turn on the cold tap and let it run a few seconds before you start measuring.

The strength of good coffee is determined by the *amount* of coffee used, not by the brewing time. Two level tablespoons to three-fourths cup (six ounces) of water is the standard measure. You may want to experiment with different proportions, but once you find the recipe that suits your taste, stick to it and measure very carefully.

Bring the water to a full rolling boil before it comes into contact with the coffee grounds—the hotter the water the more flavor it extracts from the grounds—but never let the coffee itself boil and don't make the mistake of serving reheated coffee. There's no substitute for freshly made coffee served as soon as possible after it's brewed. If you're using a nonelectric percolator, turn the burner to low after the perking begins. This keeps the coffee from flooding over the top of the basket and washing grounds into the bottom of the utensil. Of course, with an automatic brewer, thermostatic controls solve the timing problem.

For a more mellow flavor, some people like to add a pinch of salt or a little butter (about one-fourth teaspoon of butter to six cups) to their coffee before serving. Other people think the flavor is improved by putting the cream and sugar in the cup before the coffee is poured. But these are matters of personal taste and do not affect the essentials of good coffee making—a clean pot, fresh coffee, fresh water and exact measurements. Follow these basic rules and all you'll have to worry about will be making enough to fill the cups a second time around.

To Keep Your Lawn Green. Come Winter

Properly sowed and tended, winter grass will carry your lawn through the cold months with flying color

By Ben Arthur Davis

THE introduction of winter grass has done more to brighten the residential landscape in the South than any other one thing.

In sections of the South where temperatures fall much below freezing, Kentucky bluegrass has long been considered the only evergreen grass suitable for lawn use, but this grass seems to thrive only in the upper South and the high-altitude areas of the mid-South. In the warmer areas, it tends to die out.

Bermuda, for many years the standard for sunny lawns in the South, browns with the first heavy frost or light freeze, and remains dormant until spring. Carpet and St. Augustine grasses hold on a bit longer and will endure more cold before they give up and call it a season. Zoysia has the longest active season, perhaps, of any of the permanent lawn grasses used in the central South. In most areas, it is the last to brown and the first to begin growth in the spring.

In the mid-South, unless something is planted to replace the grasses that have browned, the lawn is lifeless from fall until spring. Even the effect of winter-flowering shrubs is largely lost without a good green lawn for a setting. While greensward is certainly essential in the summer months, when the shrubs and trees are in full leaf, it is all the more important in winter when so much of the other plant life is dormant or has lost its foliage entirely. Any lawn is drab and lifeless unless there is fresh, growing green to meet the eye.

It is sometimes charged that rye grass, the principal winter lawn grass, damages the permanent grass and, if planted continuously year after year, will finally kill it out. However, if you do not seed rye too heavily and are careful to keep it cut during March and April, it should not cause any trouble. In seeding a new lawn where there is no permanent grass growing, you will be safe in following the instructions found in the seed catalogs (about 10 to 12 pounds for each 1,000 square feet of area), but on well-established permanent lawns, you should be careful not to seed too thickly. Keeping the winter grass closely cut in spring, when the permanent grass is beginning to make its first growth of the season, is necessary to prevent damage from shading.

For many years imported Italian rye grass seed were considered superior to American-grown seed, and production of seed in this country was given little attention.

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GARDEN SUGGESTIONS

FOR THE UPPER SOUTH

OCTOBER is a fine month for setting out perennials and biennials, especially those that bloom early in the spring. Dependable favorites are sweet Williams, hardy pinks, delphiniums, columbines, hollyhocks, foxgloves, bleeding hearts and Shasta daisies. To delight hummingbirds in your garden next June, plant Cambridge Scarlet bee balm (*Monarda didyma* in the catalogs). And for a long-season supply of yellow flowers for cutting, *Heliopsis scabra incomparabilis* and the newer variety, Gold Greenheart, are hard to beat.

AFTER a summer outdoors, potted house plants must be brought inside when the nights become nippy. To avoid excessive wilting and leaf dropping, make the change as gradual as you can. If possible, keep them on a sheltered but airy porch until cold forces their transfer to inside windows. Ease up on watering the hybrid amaryllis; they like a winter nap before awakening into spring bloom.

LATE October brings killing frost to most upper South gardens. Many brave flowers will linger for weeks, but dying annuals and sagging tops of bloomed-out perennials call for a general clean-up. Pull out, cut back and rake up dead vegetation; all that is not diseased should go on the compost pile.

CUT tops from dahlias and cannas right after frost has blackened their foliage. Lift the entire root clumps (with the dirt) and allow them to dry a few days. Store them in a cool place, such as a potato cellar, where they won't be subject to freezing. The dirt can be left on the roots or they may be washed, dried and packed in boxes of sand, peat moss or vermiculite for storage. Wait until spring to divide them. Alternate plan: cut the dead tops after frost but do not dig roots; mulch them heavily with leaves, straw or additional soil. Dahlias, in particular, stand much cold if the tubers aren't actually frozen and survive our average winters under a protective mulch.

IT IS best to dig Peruvian daffodils (fragrant "spider-lilies," cataloged as *Hymenocallis*, or sometimes *Ismene calanthina*) before severe frost. Fork deep enough to get both the bulbs and fleshy roots. Spread them on the basement floor to dry; then cut off tops and store the bulbs in boxes or paper bags. They're safest in a comfortable living-room temperature; chilling in storage may cause failure of bloom.

FOR THE SOUTHEAST

THROUGHOUT the Southeast, October is a good month to plant hemerocallis. Cut the tops back to within a few inches of the ground and keep the plants well watered for a few weeks unless there is ample rain.

DUTCH irises are becoming more and more important in Southern gardens. They can be planted any time during October and November. Even early December is not too late, although late plantings bloom much later than early ones. The very early blue Wedgewood, planted with yellow pansies in front, always gives a lovely effect. Imperator, which blooms later than Wedgewood, is one of the best yellows. Other desirable varieties are Golden Harvest, White Excelsior, Bronze Beauty and White Superior.

ALL the way from Marshall, Texas, across through Vicksburg and Montgomery to the east, this is planting time for hardy annuals—alyssum, eschscholtzia, calendulas, larkspur, poppies, calliopsis, phlox and stocks.

THIS is the month for planting the main crop of English daisies and pansies. Locate the seedbed in shade, and use screened leaf mold and soil (half and half) or peat moss and soil (half and half). Wet down the bed a few hours before planting. Mix the seed with sand for a more even distribution; sow and cover lightly with sand. Cover with paper or burlap until germination begins, and then remove the covering.

ALONG the Coast, feed the early sweet peas that you planted in August and September for winter bloom. Use a heaping tablespoon of balanced plant food to a gallon of water and apply liberally every two weeks. Many gardeners prefer waiting until November to plant for the spring crop of flowers.

ROSES should be at their best this month. Keep them well watered, but apply no more plant food this season. Late feeding stimulates late growth, which is subject to winter-killing.

THIS is a vital period for chrysanthemums. Give them an application of liquid plant food—two tablespoons to a gallon of water—every two weeks. Then, when color begins to show in the buds, discontinue feedings. Check the large-flowering or exhibition types for side shoots,

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which grow almost like magic at this season. Pull off these shoots as soon as they are long enough to handle.

FOR THE SOUTHWEST

FROM Amarillo northward, Dutch irises can be planted this month. These bulbous irises are easy to grow and are ideal for cutting. New developments in the past few years have added to their color range. Plant four or five inches deep in the colder areas. Ask your agricultural agent about the average depth that the soil in your vicinity freezes and then plant below that depth. Dutch irises like a loose soil and plenty of moisture after the buds appear. If you work bone meal into the soil beneath them, the plants won't require feeding the first year. In the central area of the Southwest, they can be left in the ground from year to year.

AFTER the first frost, cut off tuberous begonia stems a few inches above the ground; lift the plants with soil still clinging to the roots and store in a cool, dry place where there is no danger of freezing. After a few weeks, the stem stumps will easily part from the tuber. Remove withered roots and soil. Handle the tubers carefully so that you won't bruise them; dust any cuts or bruises with sulphur. Store in vermiculite or peat moss in a cool room.

IN THE Abilene area, stop fertilizing roses after this month. Let the wood harden before winter comes. Lush green growth is easily killed by a sudden freeze and often ruins the entire plant.

FROM Wichita Falls southward, this is the month to plant day lilies. If their root systems are established in the fall, they will bloom in the spring. Plant them in full sun in areas where the rainfall is heavy; in the semiarid regions, plant them in partial shade. Plant deep enough to cover the fleshy roots but not the crown (too-deep planting smothers them). They will grow in clay soils, but do much better if coarse sand and humus are added.

TRY growing some of your shrubs from seed. You can choose from Caryopteris (hardy blue spirea); nandina, callicarpa, althea (Rose of Sharon), pomegranate, redbud and many others. Seeds of some shrubs should be planted in the fall, others in the spring. Mother Nature will show you when to plant if you'll notice when the seeds fall.

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How to Build A COMPOST HEAP

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A COMPOST heap is the most practical source of essential organic matter (the term usually applied to both plant and animal matter) for the home garden.

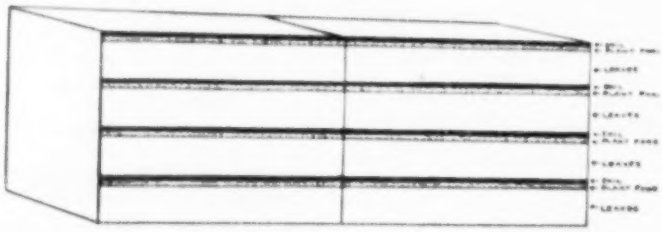
But before we go into the details of building a compost heap, let's give a little thought to the importance of humus or organic matter in the soil. In many cases, the growth of plant life and the production of bloom is in direct ratio to the amount of organic matter present in the soil. The decomposition of organic matter is brought about by the work of countless minute plants and animals called microorganisms—so small and so numerous that a spoonful of some soils may contain many millions of them. Without these microorganisms, the soil dies, and plant life refuses to grow in dead soil. The action of these microorganisms releases plant food, and where they are active, the soil is usually fertile and the plant growth luxuriant.

It is almost safe to say that organic matter is good for whatever ails your soil. It makes the soil more porous, thus aiding root development; it makes the soil easy to work, adds to its moisture-holding capacity, allows air to penetrate, and regulates temperatures; finally, it increases the food supply for the plants. Organic matter makes stiff, clayey soils easier to cultivate, and it helps sandy soils to retain both moisture and plant food.

In view of all these benefits to be gained by adding organic matter to the soil, it is amazing that many of us destroy so much material that should be saved and returned to the soil. Dead leaves, weeds that have not gone to seed, lawn clippings not left on the lawn, leafy waste from the kitchen, spent flowers that are free from disease and insect infestation—all should be kept for future use.

The most practical way to save and handle organic matter is to build a compost heap. There's nothing complicated or expensive about it. You don't even have to have a pit, though one does aid in holding moisture, and the soil removed in making it can be used in "bedding down" the filler material. For the average home garden, a bin about five feet square, made of boards, is the simplest type of container. The corner posts should be substantial, but the walls may be made of scrap lumber and carried up to any height necessary to meet the needs of the garden and to hold the material available.

Since there is usually a plentiful supply of leaves in the fall, this is an excellent time to start a compost heap. First, place a layer of ten to fifteen inches of leaves or other vegetable material in the bottom, then



A cross section of a simple compost bin, showing a 10-inch layer of vegetable matter, a 1-inch layer of plant food and a ½-inch layer of soil, repeated in that order, until the bin is filled.

add three or four pounds of slaked lime, two pounds of a complete fertilizer, one pound of superphosphate and a light layer of animal manure, if it is available. Cover this with a layer of soil anywhere from one-half inch to an inch thick, to hold moisture. As more material becomes available, repeat the process until the bin is filled. The center of the bin should always be made slightly lower than the sides in order to catch and hold moisture.

Lime, phosphate, commercial plant food and manure hasten decomposition, and increase the fertility of the finished product, but don't let a lack of these materials keep you from building a compost heap. Ten inches of leaves and an inch of soil, in alternate layers, without any of the other materials, will decompose into a valuable leaf mold within a year or less. This material formed without the use of lime is actually more suitable for planting and mulching azaleas, camellias and other acid-loving plants, as lime counteracts the acid.

If you don't have scrap lumber to build the bin, just pile the leaves in a secluded corner somewhere and cover them lightly with soil, building up with alternate layers of leaves and soil as more material comes to hand. This is a makeshift affair, but it is far better than none at all. The point is to try to return to the soil all the vegetable or organic matter available on your home grounds.

Vegetable matter decomposes faster if it is kept moist, so if the weather is dry, wet the compost material occasionally. Forking up the material every month or two will also help to speed decomposition.

The ideal set-up is to have two bins—two small ones are much better than one large one. This arrangement will keep one bin available for use, while the contents of the other are decomposing. A box five by ten feet with a partition in the middle will provide two bins of a suitable size for the small home grounds.

There is hardly an end to the numerous uses of good compost. Use it abundantly in preparing beds for annual and perennial flowers, mix it with the soil used in planting shrubs, roses and trees, and use it liberally in reconditioning the lawn.

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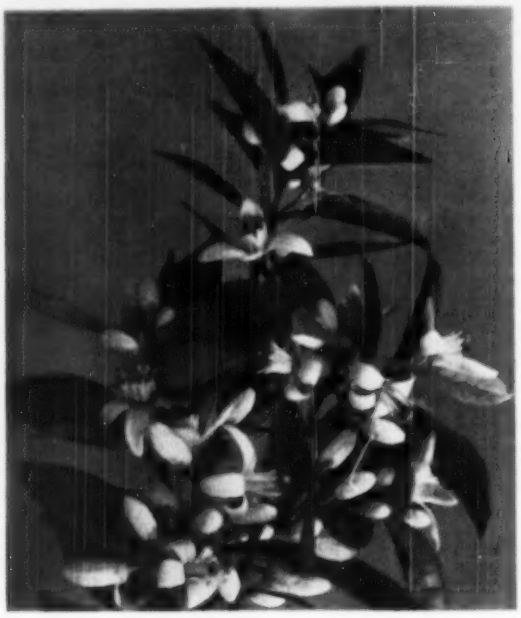

Orange Blossoms

(Florida)

On Egypt's ancient plains, on sun-blessed isles,
In lands where tropic breezes scatter free
Their spicy, mixed perfumes, this blossom grows,
A flower of remote antiquity.
The Empress of the Nile, perchance, was wont
To weave its pearl-buds in her dusky hair;
Or Spanish grandee chose to plead his love
Through these pure petals, for his lady fair.
From long-forgotten rites, custom decrees
That maidens, veiled, wear for the nuptial hour
To take their sacred vows, a coronet
Fashioned in quaint devise from this chaste flower.

The breezes stir the grove, the petals fall,
Continuing the cycle's endless turn
In silence: soil, flower, fruit—and man
Must guess at secrets stored in Time's deep urn.

—DOROTHY LEHMAN SUMERAU

This is the third in a series of poems by Mrs. Sumerau on our Southern state flowers.

Garden Rambles

with Ben Arthur Davis

BASED on hundreds of reports received from its members, the American Rose Society has issued a rose popularity rating. This is such interesting information that I am listing all varieties rated 8 and above (10 is a perfect score). Among the hybrid teas, the highest honors went to Peace and Crimson Glory, which tied at 9.5. The runner-up was Tallyho at 9.4. Others rating 8 and above were Applause, Charlotte Armstrong, Countess Vandal, Curley Pink, Dainty Bess, Debonair, Eclipse, Etoile de Holland, Forty-Niner, Golden Anniversary, Golden Dawn, Good News, Grande Duchesse Charlotte, Lafter, Lulu, Mme. Cochet-Cochet, Mme. Henri Guillot, Mrs. Charles Bell, Mrs. Sam McGredy, Nigger Boy, Picture, Pink Princess, President Herbert Hoover, Radiance, Red Duchess, Rose of Freedom, San Gabriel, San Luis Rey, Saturnia, Show Girl, Tip Toes and World's Fair.

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ROY A. BOWDEN, professor of horticulture at the University of Georgia, relates an interesting story of research, covering several years, which is placing the Georgia Easter lily on the list of major crops in the state. It is now estimated that Georgia grows 45 million bulbs. The bulbs are reported to be 25 per cent larger than the Japanese type and produce a higher quality bloom. The history of this lily dates back to a shipment, brought over by General Oglethorpe, which was planted in the famous Trustee Garden at Savannah. The popularity of this improved lily has become so wide-spread among florists that the demand far exceeds the supply.

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THE Louisiana legislature has been considering changing the state flower from the magnolia to the native iris. Currently *Magnolia grandiflora* is the state flower of both Louisiana and Mississippi. Ohio, with its carnation, is the only state to choose a greenhouse plant as a state flower. The carnation was adopted in that state as a tribute to President McKinley, who always wore one in his lapel.

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The Adventures of PETER PAINTER

By FRANK MARTIN WEBBER

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The Halloween Treat

HALLOWEEN Night is a gay night, a fun night, a night to dress up and carry a basket and cry trick-or-treat.

One Halloween Night Peter Painter trotted along the sidewalk of a small town, thinking inside his head, under his peaked hat with the feather on the top, "Tonight I am going to have an adventure."

Just then the adventure turned up. Coming down the sidewalk of the small town was a strange and exciting sight. Children all dressed up for Halloween.

One child was dressed up like a scarecrow. He had on loose and baggy pants that flopped over his feet, a big and baggy coat with such long sleeves they flapped over his hands. On his head he had a huge limp hat that drooped over his eyes. And he had on a false face with a hideous mouth and a big hooked nose.

Another child was dressed up like an old witch. She had on a long black dress, a tall black hat and loose black gloves. She galloped along astride a broomstick. She was making witch sounds, first a shriek and then a scream.

There were children dressed like hobgoblins, and children dressed like chimney sweeps. There were children dressed like urchins, and children dressed like imps.

Every child wore a false face that was awful to see. Every child made loud noises, and every child carried a bright-colored basket on his arm.

Peter Painter slipped through the gate of a rickety fence in front of a tumble-down house. He wanted to get out of the way of the scary-looking children who came scream-

"There!" Peter Painter cried. "Now you don't look scary."

ing and shrieking, running and jumping along the sidewalk.

"If I didn't know that they are dressed up for Halloween," he said to himself, "I would really be afraid of such a wild sight."

"I wanted very much to dress up and be a wild sight," said a small sad voice behind him.

Peter Painter wheeled in his tracks like a top. There behind him stood a little boy with tears in his eyes. His clothes were old, ragged, and torn. In his hand he held an old grape basket.

"Why," asked Peter Painter, "are you just standing there? If you wanted to dress up to look a wild sight, then why didn't you?"

"My Mama is sick and I was afraid I would scare her if I dressed up to look a wild sight."

"But you've a basket on your arm. Why don't you go with the children to ring bells, cry trick-or-treat, and get good things to eat in your basket?"

"Nobody would give me a treat when I'm not dressed up," the little boy said sadly.

"Do you have anything in the house to dress up in?"

"Yes, there is an old piece of sheet, but it might scare my sick Mama to see me dressed up like a ghost."

"Go and bring me the old piece of sheet. I can do things with it that won't scare your Mama," Peter Painter assured him.

The little boy ran into his tumble-down house. He came back with the old piece of sheet. Peter Painter looked at the paints in their pots on his paint-pot tray, which swung from his shoulders by a stout leather shoestring. Then he looked at the old piece of sheet.

"I can make you look cute and not a bit scary," he said to the little boy.

He stuck the handle of a paint-brush through the center of the sheet. Then he made the hole big enough to slip over the little boy's head. The sheet hung down over him in four points, two in front and two behind.

"I don't think this looks cute," the little boy said, and he looked as if he were going to cry.

"Just you wait!" Peter Painter picked up his pot of Christmas-red paint. He emptied it on the sheet right down the front. Then he took up his pot of butter-yellow paint, and emptied it down the back. Quickly he picked up paintbrushes and dipped them in first one paint pot and then another. He painted green circles, and blue crosses, purple squares, and pink stars here and there and everywhere between the long streak of red in front and the long streak of yellow in back.

"There!" Peter Painter exclaimed. "You don't look scary, but you do look cute." He held out his hand. "Now give me that old grape basket."

He painted the grape basket orange with wide black stripes. "Orange and black are Halloween colors," he explained as he gave the basket back to the boy, "so you ought to get a lot of goodies carrying that."

Just then the children came romping and jumping, shouting and screaming down the sidewalk.

Peter Painter gave the little boy a quick push out the gate. The little boy joined the other children running down the street. They all turned in through a big iron gate. They all ran up the sidewalk. They leaped up the steps. They knocked on the front door. They shouted, "Trick-or-treat! Trick-or-treat!"

The door opened. A lady looked out. She saw the ugly scarecrow, the witch, the hobgoblins and the chimney sweeps, the urchins and the imps. She cried, "Eeek! I'll not give you a treat!"

The scarecrow, the witch, the hobgoblins, and the chimney sweeps, the urchins and the imps all did tricks. They rolled up the door mat. They upset the porch chairs. They chalked up the front windows, and as they ran off they broke the branches of a little tree that grew by the gate.

But the little boy dressed in the brightly painted sheet just stood on the front porch with his orange and black Halloween basket in his hand and his eyes bugged out.

When the lady opened the front door to see how much damage the other children had done, she saw the little boy in his gaily painted sheet. "Come in," she invited.

The little boy went in, and the lady filled his orange and black basket with apples and cookies and candies and nuts. "Happy Halloween," she said, "and goodnight."

The little boy ran down the steps to show Peter Painter his wonderful Halloween treats. "All these goodies will help my Mama get well, and then she can watch me play in my cute Halloween suit."

"Aren't you going to eat any of your goodies yourself?" Peter Painter asked.

"Oh, yes. My Mama and I will have a Halloween picnic."

He ran off down the street with the orange and black basket bobbing on his arm.

"Well," said Peter Painter as he wandered on down the street, "I have heard of May Day picnics, Fourth of July picnics, and Labor Day picnics, but I never heard of a Halloween picnic. It must be an extra special picnic treat."

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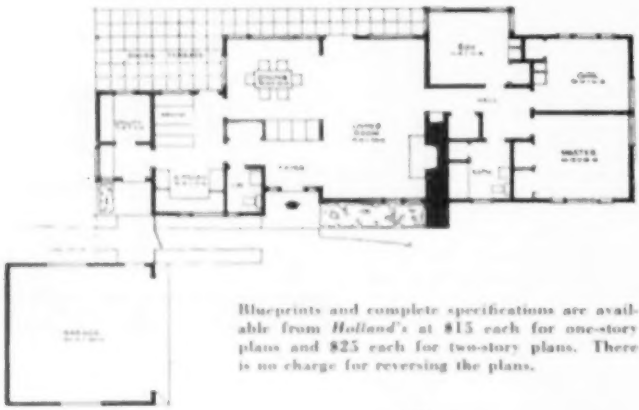

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But when World War II cut off all importations, thus stimulating the production of American seed in commercial quantities, we discovered that there is little or no difference insofar as lawn planting is concerned—in fact, if there is any advantage it is on the side of the American-grown seed.

In the upper South rye grass is planted in late September, while October is the best month for planting in the central zone of the South. Along the Gulf Coast and in Florida plantings can be made still later.

Before you plant winter grass seed, cut the old lawn very short. You will get a more even distribution of seed if, before sowing, you mix the seed thoroughly with commercial fertilizer or sand. The fertilizer is preferable, since the lawn should be fertilized anyway at the time of planting. About 5 pounds of grass seed to 10 pounds of a complete plant food for each 1,000 square feet of lawn is a suitable amount. After thoroughly mixing the seed with the plant food, sow half the quantity while walking in an east-west direction, the other half while walking north and south. This method of planting gives more even distribution of both seed and fertilizer; if it is not followed there are always alternate streaks of heavy and light planting.

A light application of soil or sand sprinkled over the lawn after the seed are planted will prove highly beneficial. Seed covered in this manner, then thoroughly wet down, will germinate in less than a week, and should give a good cover of green in fifteen or twenty days. If the area planted is quite large and cannot be covered with soil or sand because of the heavy expense involved, rake the surface lightly, especially where there are hard, bare spots. Then wet the lawn with the hose to wash the seeds down to the soil, where they will get sufficient moisture to germinate and start growth.

Make the first mowing with the blade set rather high, in order not to shock the young grass too severely. Regular mowings after growth is well started will encourage the individual plants to spread and develop into a better sod.

On average soils, make at least one additional application of plant food; and if the soil is poor, use two or more. Make these applications during the spring at four to six weeks intervals, and in quantities of 10 to 20 pounds for each 1,000 square feet. Yellowing of rye grass is usually a definite indication of the need for more plant food.

Any complete fertilizer is satisfactory for lawns, but since most grasses seem to prefer one that is a little high in nitrogen, it is a good idea to mix 10 to 15 pounds of nitrate of soda with each 100 pounds of complete fertilizer before using. Water the lawn thoroughly after feeding.

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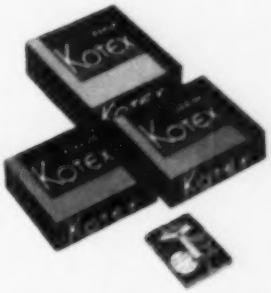

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